







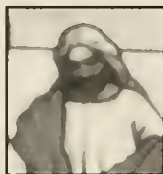
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# The Changing Church

**I**f there is anything else you can do besides going into the ministry—do it.” That was the advice that Rev. William H.

Anderman gave his son **Thomas Anderman '49** more than 50 years ago. Nevertheless, Thomas, as well as his older brother, saw the ministry as their destiny. The profession and, indeed, the church presented no great surprises to the boy who had grown up in a parsonage. Now 42 years and seven churches later, the semi-retired Anderman has witnessed a lot of surprises along with major changes in the American religious life.

Anderman began his career in the ministry before Sunday shopping and before youth sports programs, two-income families and birth control. It was a time when ministers and the church held a certain social status within the community, and the community itself put significant value on church membership.

Since the 1950s, something has happened to the church in the United States. More specifically, something has happened to the mainline Protestant denominations, including the United Methodist Church with which Lycoming College has had an affiliation dating

The ministry has gone from a low stress/high status profession to a high stress/low status profession.

back to the Rev. Benjamin H. Crever days in the mid-19th century.

In the past 28 years, the United Methodist Church, for example, has lost over 2 million members—or 20% of its 1970 total.

The ministry has gone from a low stress high status profession to a high stress low status profession. The church's preoccupation has become the recruitment of new members and its missionary zeal has turned from overseas to the immediate neighborhood.

The biggest challenges to church, according to the survey of clergy alumni (see separate block on the survey) can be categorized into four areas:

- 1) a different and more hostile environment for the church;
- 2) the widening gap between church values and social mores;
- 3) the challenge of recruiting the unchurched;
- 4) increased pressures on the ministry. (See story on Burnout.)

Window from the First United Methodist Church in Williamsport, the closest United Methodist Church to the campus.

## Another World — the Hostile Environment

Rev. Gerald Wagner '56

points to the 1960s as the time when the great change began and, in fact, believes that decade to be the most disruptive decade in American history with the exception of the 1860s. "The events of the decade discouraged many young people from participating in the life of the church, and it destroyed the trust between generations," says Wagner.

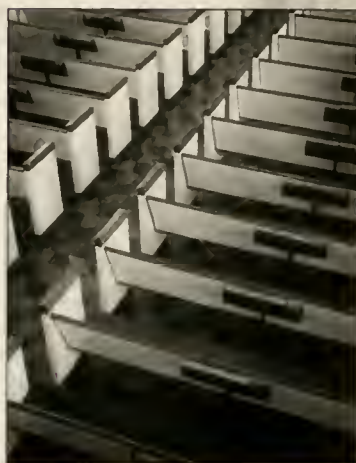
Certainly the Vietnam War had a major role to play in the disenchantment of youth. "Things were a mess and [people thought] God wasn't important because he wasn't powerful enough to fix the mess," Wagner explains. As a result, the whole sense of authority died out and with it the significance of church, Wagner continues.

But other factors were at work as well, changing the environment into one quite hostile to the church.

The media contributed to this change in ways that ranged from chipping away at moral values and being

Below: Rev. Gerald Wagner

## The Survey



Last fall, the magazine sent a survey to everyone in the Lycoming College alumni directory with a Rev. in front of his or her name—more than 250. The questionnaire was designed by Brenda Bowser '98, and we received a response from 47 alumni or about 20% of the group.

Here are the results to the five questions we asked.

### 1. How has religion changed since your ordination.

Virtually all who responded thought that religion had changed since their ordination.

Positive change: 41%  
Neutral: 32%  
Negative change: 16%

Most of the changes enumerated were positive: greater spirituality, more ecumenism, and greater commitment to social issues—or neutral, such as changes in style of worship, or scheduling of services. The negative changes included permissiveness and loss of community status.

### 2. What has been your greatest personal challenge?

Job related: 57%  
*(Bringing people to faith, maintaining integrity, being a good pastor)*  
Personal: 13%  
*(No personal life, no growth, maintaining optimism)*  
Other people/bureaucracy: 13%  
Other: 17%  
*(Technology, apathy, resistance to change)*

### 3. Where do you see America's faith and religious involvement in 10 to 20 years?

Revival of faith 35%  
Decline of faith 20%  
Changes in style 45%

Some 35% saw a revival of faith; 45% saw changes in the church—bigger and more ecumenical. Twenty percent saw the continuation of troubles—from moral decline to more lawsuits.

### 4. Do you feel that any factors—such as television or music—have influenced religion.

Positive influence 22%  
Neutral influence 22%  
Negative influence 55%

Many respondents gave both positive and negative answers.

### 5. What issues do you believe are the most challenging for the church today?

People issues: 40%  
*(Immorality, apathy, lack of leadership, generation gap)*  
Doctrine issues: 29%  
*(Homosexuality, preserving message of the Scripture)*  
Structural issues: 12%  
*(Ecumenism, importance of individual churches, growth of other religions)*  
Other: 17%  
*(Greed, consumerism, racism)*

The surveyed group had an average church membership of 511 persons. Ninety-five percent felt that they had been called by God to the ministry and 79% would choose the same career again; 10% were unsure and 6% would not enter the ministry.







Rev. Paul LeVan

"America is the great melting pot. If we invite everyone in, then we have made the decision to accept people of any faith and creed."

or even changed to "Happy Holidays."

"Are we a Christian nation?" asks **Rev. Paul LeVan '52**, a pastor in Erie. "In a real way, I don't think we are a Christian nation."

Reinforcement of Christianity in the public school system or even in a public setting is gone—cast out along with school prayer and manger scenes on the square in order to be fair to those of other religious or nonreligious inclinations.

The percentage of the non-Christian population has been growing, thanks to both a rise in the Black Muslim

movement along with recent immigrations from the Pacific.

"America is the great melting pot. If we invite everyone in—then we have made the decision to accept people of any faith and creed," LeVan explains.

### The Widening Gap Between Social Mores and Church Values

The "boomers" also brought to the 1960s a more permissive attitude towards the church's traditional moral code, particularly toward premarital or extra-marital sex and divorce.

"When I went into the ministry in 1972, it was a big issue when a couple who was living together came to me to get married," observes **Rev. Paul Robinson '67** of Grand Island, N.Y. "Now, if they give me two different addresses I assume that they are not telling me the truth."

Robinson recognizes the widening schism between the church's moral code and conventional social mores.

"The church is obviously in a different world compared to 90% of the population. I keep telling my people that marriage is a significant

# The Bishop

If there are any institutions left in our society in 50 years, the church—and the United Methodist Church—will be one of them. That's the thinking of United Methodist Bishop **Edward W. Paup '67** who oversees the Oregon-Idaho Conference and the Alaska Missionary Conference.

The larger challenge for the church, Paup believes, is the whole issue of institutionalism in a changing time and context.

Two years ago, when Paup moved from Colorado to Portland, Oregon, he soon learned about the low affiliation with the church.

"I thought I had met the extreme of rugged individual spirit [in Colorado], but this area makes the Rockies look less extreme," he says. While close to 80% of the population in the Southeast United States professes a



census projections, the Western United States will be 53% Anglo and 47% an ethnic mix of Hispanic, Asian and African-American by 2020.

Bishop Paup can tick off the church's challenges: children and youth is one of them. "Children and youth should be seen as the children and youth of all of us. We should not have to be afraid of young people," he says.

The issue of homosexuality is a more divisive one; it involves issues of doctrine and inclusiveness. "Can we be united even when there is not uniformity of opinion?" asks Paup.

"This is a challenging and exciting time to be a part of the Church," he says.

membership in a church. Paup notes that only 20% of the population in his district has an affiliation with any church—nothing like the way he remembers church life back in Pennsylvania.

Apart from a decided lack of interest in institutions by its people, the church in Northwest will be influenced by a diversity of ethnic traditions. According to

downright anti-Christian in its message to becoming a substitute for the church and distorting its message.

"TV occupies more time and attention than any other medium. Its projected standards are definitely influencing society," says **Rev. Warren Baughman '51** of Berwick, Pa.

"Nothing makes people 'blush' anymore" adds **Rev. Arthur Montgomery '70** of Millerstown, Pa.

In its effort to be politically correct, the media can be perceived to diminish what is uniquely Christian. **Rev. Nancy Gray Cloninger '72** of Greenwood, S.C., points out even in a simple thing like "Merry Christmas" is always quickly followed by "Happy Hanukkah" and "Happy Kwanza"

*"There used  
to be three  
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and society"*

journey that starts only when they make that final commitment. But couples have gotten used to having an escape hatch. So now, when they finally get married, the anxiety level goes up because they feel the escape hatch has been nailed down."

"There used to be three in every marriage: man, woman and society," Robinson continues. "Society was there to say 'no' to pre-marital sex and 'no' to divorce. And that's not the case anymore," says Robinson.

Robinson could also point out that society used to say "no" to unwed mothers, to abortion and homosexuality.

If there is one issue that is destined to split the United Methodist Church, Robinson predicts that it will be the issue of homosexuality, a sentiment echoed by many United Methodist clergy surveyed.

The real battle, as Rev. Donald Phillips '82 of Marietta, Ohio, sees it, is the battle between factions holding two different philosophies: Those who believe in the canonized scripture reflected in the life of the church and those who believe in the continuing revelation of truth in which God's Word is continuously revealed in the experience of each new generation.

Rev. Wayne Stubbins, Sr., '64 of Linden, Pa., is one of the many who feel the need for the church to stick to the scripture.

"I see the mainline church today conforming its beliefs to satisfy a growing return to pagan, anti-Christian, new ageism beliefs, instead of

holding fast to the eternal truths of the Bible that transform lives, renew relationships, and strengthen the moral foundation of traditional families," says Stubbins.

"Unless there is a change—that is more seriousness in discovering what God's will is and following it—America's faith will be similar to the conditions in the book of Judges in the Bible: 'Each man did what was right in his own eyes,' says Rev. LeVan. "We are headed towards a society in which there are no absolutes or moral standards. I pray this trend will be reversed."

Rev. Paul Robinson, on the other hand, would refrain from taking the hardline of Rev. LeVan.

"The Bible is the most precious human tool we have from God. It has thought through all the questions that we will ever have," says Rev. Robinson. But he cautions people from taking a verse here and a verse there to support a particular point of view. "It can be a hindrance to carrying out the spirit of God."

Homosexuality is a case in point. "Jesus never mentions it," Robinson points out. "I think the Christian community should



Rev. Paul Robinson

confront the issue of promiscuity in general—which is always dangerous and immoral. This is an issue on which we might make some progress."

Robinson believes that the salvation of his United Methodist Church denomination depends on the ability of the church to reach out and embrace all the people of the community and to become more inclusive.

## Recruitment in the Age of the Unchurched

The young couple knocking on the church door today is very likely to come with no previous religious affiliation and no memory of any religion of their own.

Rev. Donald Phillips is one of the many clergy who see a particular challenge in building a church for the unchurched.

The unchurched are free agents, and they are "good shoppers." "They want the conveniences of a good nursery and good programs for their children. They don't want to be spectators. They want to participate in the worship service."

The church's challenge, as Phillips sees it, is to become a good marketer.





## Media Helps to Draw the Unchurched

While TV has been accused of eroding the standards of morality, it has also reached out to the unchurched by bringing religion into the home. Although shows like "Touched By an Angel," may be poor theology by a strict measure, it introduces spirituality to a audience that may have no awareness of it.

Music, however, is key to reaching a secular society, says Rev. Phillips. "The church must realize that to reach the people of any age, the church must reach out to them at the heartbeat of each generation."

## Renewal of Faith and the Future

For all of the challenges, the majority of Lycoming-educated clergy are encouraged by what they see as the beginning of a new religious fervor. More than a third (35%) see a religious revival and only 20% see a continuing decline in faith.

Rev. Wagner, who sees the 1960s as undermining religious authority, also acknowledges its legacy — an infusion of emotion.

The Civil Rights struggle and the Vietnam War stirred passions that were in contrast to the attitudes of mainline Christians who were, says Wagner, a "very cool" lot. "Preaching had turned into a second class lecture, and

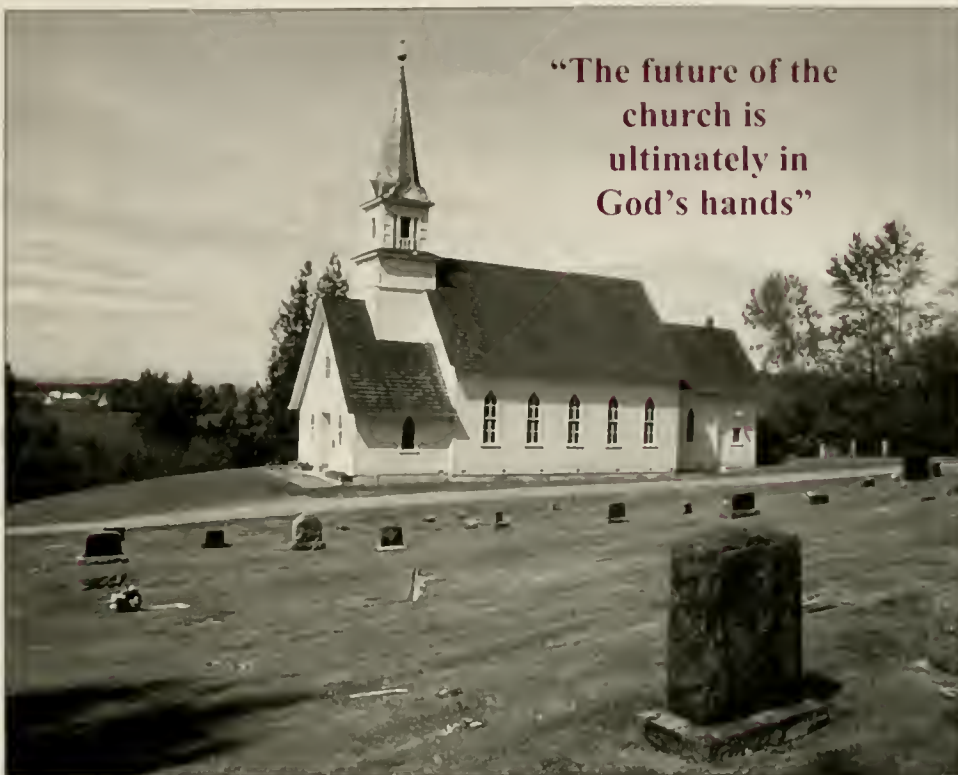
religion had turned into a matter of the head."

The "boomers" found a clear connection between religion and the world. Civil rights struggles, efforts to clean up the environment and the later so-called feminist issues are all examples of call to action inspired by religious principles, Wagner believes.

"Today, I see youth working on important problems (i.e., race relations, population control, drug and alcohol addiction) with the energy which is often the mark of young adulthood," says Wagner. "How much of this religious emphasis will be carried on in the church and how much will be done despite the church is still a question for me," he says.

**Rev. Christopher Askin '71** of Glendale, Calif., sees a growing tolerance and ecumenism. "Christians will be more aware of the

**"The future of the church is ultimately in God's hands"**



Church in Maryland, a charge that is trying to close the racial divide. Damascus UMC is a large, predominately white church which is teamed with Friendship UMC, a small predominately black church. That joint congregation also has a sister church in Mexico.

Edmonds also notices a renewed interest in the sacraments, particularly baptism, which his church has

made into a major celebration.

## Final Word

The final word on the future of the church is one of faith in God's will.

"What was society like when the Bible was written?" Rev. LeVan asks. "There have been lots of concerns since then. Why should we be so egotistical to believe that everything has to be the way we understand it? I'm not in charge, God is. And He has tremendous ways of working."

The future of the church is ultimately in God's hands, LeVan believes. And those are good hands. ▲

sacredness of other religions and will not feel the need to be as judgmental and condemning as they have been," he predicts. A former UMC minister, Rev. Askin is now with the Nisicence Church, an independent Christian denomination that incorporates some elements of Eastern theology including the belief in reincarnation.

"In the early years, we grew by separation of churches into different denominations; now we are growing through mergers," Rev. Anderman observes.

**Rev. David Dearing '78** of Huntingdon, Pa., sees a resurgence of faith, especially in the ecumenical gatherings of Christians (i.e. Promise Keepers, Women of Faith Conference, and local community groups).

**Rev. Walter Edmonds '69** is senior pastor of Damascus Friendship United Methodist

### Editor's note:

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*Dancing With Dinosaurs* by William Fasum, Abington Press, Nashville, 1993.

# Marketing God

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## The Church Doctor

**R**ev. Jeff Patton '76 keeps a guitar and a boombox in his study at First United Methodist Church in Williamsport. On a late afternoon in August, he's wearing the uniform of a "Boomer" at rest — a polo shirt and a pair of Dockers.

Like many of the grown-up boomers, he is working multiple jobs—three, in fact. At First United, he is the associate pastor in charge of the weekly "contemporary" service. His second job is as administrative director of the Christian Counseling Clinic. But one weekend a month, he becomes a "church doctor," as a consultant for 21st Century Strategies, a national organization that advises churches on how to build congregations.

The Texas-based consulting firm was founded by William Easum, an ordained United Methodist Minister who doubled the membership of several of his charges before going into private business.

Patton knows first hand about small dying churches.

In 1986 he was assigned two small rural churches near Canton, Pa., or as Patton puts it, "between nowhere and nothing."

There were 50 people in the pews in East Canton and about 35 people at the church in Windfall, as Patton describes the situation. While the congregations were reluctant to change, they wanted to keep their churches.

Rev. Jeff started by moving the organ out of the sanctuary and bringing in a keyboard and a guitar. He instituted a contemporary worship service one Sunday each month that used Contemporary music to appeal to a younger audience.

"The church has updated its choice of music many times," Patton says in defense. "I'm sure the boys in Bach's generation thought he was great. But Martin Luther and John Wesley took beer songs and incorporated them into the worship services of the day."

"We've always changed with the times," says Patton.

Patton also began to speak to the real needs of the people who began to attend his contemporary service with sermons on "How to Affair Proof Your Marriage," "My Job Stinks: But I Can't Quit," and "How Do You Let Go of Your Kids."

He found that his small charges had lots of committees but no vision. He persuaded his congregation to temporarily dispense with its committee system in favor of a "Dream Team."

"Bill Gates has no trustees, no committees. Why should we? He has a Think Tank," says Patton.

The Dream Team came up with a mission statement:



"Being rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ, we will provide light for those in darkness and safety for those in storms."

"Whatever we did had to fit the mission statement," explains Patton, "but the Dream Team could be as creative as they liked within that mission."

During Patton's tenure, the little charge between "Nowhere and Nothing" put on a Wild Game Dinner, offered free car check-ups, and did free carpentry work for elderly people. They started a Youth AA program and even Karate for Christ, which offered yet another kind of "safety for those in storms."

He also introduced the cell concept in which a group of 10 to 15 persons provide ministering services and counseling to each other, blurring the lines between ordained ministry and laity, as Patton feels they should.

Patton's success with his country church caught the eye of Bill Easum when the two met in 1989 at the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. Patton began helping Easum and finally went to work for 21st Strategies in 1996.

Patton recalled a recent advising session he had had with a church in Ohio. "They're dying," Patton remarks. "Seventy percent of the worshipers are over 75 years old; they have 8 people in their Sunday School; their revenue is shrinking; they have no mission, no vision; and they have been through three pastors in the past two years; the current pastor is doing two to three funerals every week," Patton ticks off the problems.

**"The big challenge for us is can we share His love and not be bigots? We want new members but we want people who look like us and drive the same car."**

He started to work on the dying church by doing a complete ministry audit created by Easum and 21st Centuries Strategies that asks 195 questions—about everything from the nature of the neighborhood to the church facilities. (The audit is available from Cokesbury publishers.)

The congregation was encouraged by some of Patton's recommendations.

"They thought they were hiring a consultant who would tell them that they were dead; instead they found hope and are in a minor revival with growing excitement about the possibilities," Patton says.

Some recommendations are simple physical things: better signage, cleaner nursery, diaper changing table, and better parking.

Reaching out does not mean dilution of what Patton sees as the absolutes of the Gospel. "You can't be wishy washy about the truth," says Patton.

When Patton looks ahead 50 years, he sees a different church. The United Methodist denomination is poised for a split, Patton contends, based on the authority of the Scripture. One current movement is based on a re-interpretation of the Scripture within the context of today's

society in which there are no absolutes. The other, which includes Patton, believes that the Gospel means what it says.

While differing views on the authority of the Scriptures may cause one chasm, Patton sees the rigidity of the established denominations as another problem.

"New Christians and new church members will come from new ethnic groups and from the poor," contends Patton. "Mainline churches are failing to see the real growth opportunities."

Patton uses an example of one church that was renting out its basement to a local Hispanic youth group while lamenting the fact that they had no young people in the congregation.

"If you don't love people around you, you're not a Christian," says Patton. "The big challenge for us is can we

share His love and not be bigots? We want new members but we want people who look like us and drive the same car."

"Jesus Christ didn't look like us," muses Patton. "He probably looked Palestinian. In fact, he probably looked a lot like Yassar Arafat."





**A**t the beginning of each semester while she was at Lycoming College, **Karen Allen '98** would send her class schedule to the McCarthy Funeral Home in Hughesville. It was part of her job as student pastor of the Muncy Valley Charge to officiate at funerals and the class schedule helped the funeral home with their own scheduling.

"Most of my professors were understanding," Rev. Allen reflected. "Funerals are something you can't plan in advance and even when they happen during finals, you, as a pastor, have to make time."

Lycoming College has been the undergraduate school for many aspiring United Methodist ministers—and many of these students have gone through college as student pastors.

Rev. Allen is pastor to three small country churches, the largest of which is the Valley United Methodist Church located in the village of Muncy Valley, a spot best known as the turn-off from Route 220 to Eagles Mere.

**Rev. Howard Woodruff '95**, now commuting to the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a student pastor for the Phelps Chapel United Methodist Church outside of Jersey Shore and the Pine Creek United Methodist Church in Waterville.

**Rev. Gary Weaver '97**, who shares the commute with Woodruff to the Philadelphia seminary each week, is a student pastor to both the Heilman Church, located in the hills north of Montoursville, and the United Methodist Church at Warrensville.

Attendance at any of these churches on a Sunday ranges from 35 to 85.

Student pastors, Rev. Allen points out, have no less responsibility than ordained pastors. They are in the leadership positions of their churches, and they do all of the things that ordained ministers do. Because they receive a more modest stipend than an ordained minister, they are more affordable to small country churches.

Pastors Allen, Weaver and Woodruff—all of whom happen to be 37 years old—were called to the ministry as a second career.

Karen Allen was a church secretary. Gary Weaver was a licensed funeral director. Howard Woodruff was in hospital administration.

Each is emphatic about being called by God.

Rev. Woodruff remembers the day: "August 7, 1990," he says. It was a calling that caught his friends off guard.

"If anyone can associate with sinners who have gone wrong, it's me."

Woodruff, unlike his father (Thomas H. Sr. '52), sister (Carol Woodruff Yorks '79) and brother (Tom '80), did not go on to Lycoming College after high school. Instead, he became a paramedic and then proceeded to work his way into hospital administration.

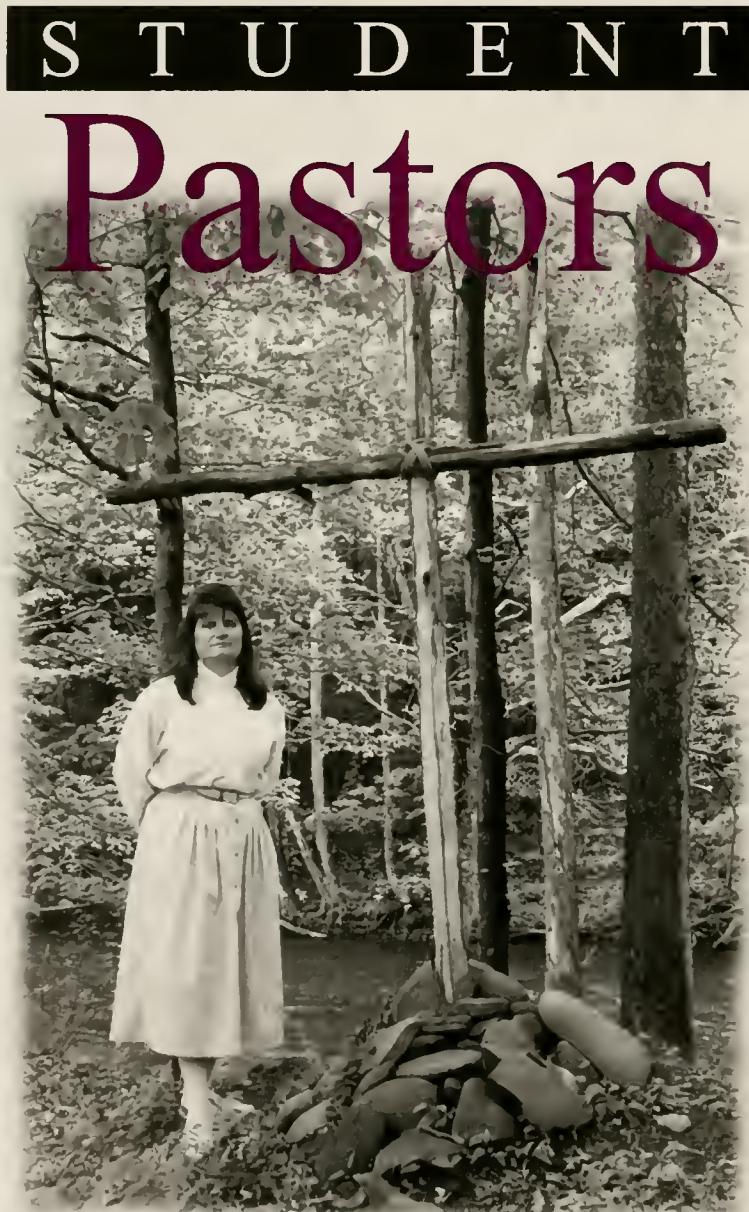
"I wasn't too honorable. In fact, I was Trouble," says Howard. "And I was a gifted B-Ser." Had he not met his wife, he is convinced that he would be wearing the bright orange of prison garb rather than a clerical collar.

Following his call, he began to explore a Candidacy Program with his pastor and then with the District Board of Ordained Ministers.

In December, Howard announced his decision to consider the ministry—a decision that would require four years of college and three or four years of seminary. In April he received the go-ahead from his home church to become a certified candidate. The very next day he received an offer of a consulting job that would have paid \$150,000 a year. "It was either God testing his resolve or the work of Satan," Howard surmises.

Today, instead of the \$150,000 job, he has \$55,000 in student loan debt.

The fact is, Woodruff has little regard for money. "Money is the most superficial of all problems," he says. "I remember my first meeting with the council board [of the church]. They asked me what I was going to do to fix the budget problem. I said, I wasn't going to do anything about



*Rev. Allen stands next to the site of her creekside service, which is growing in popularity.*





*Rev. Woodruff with churchyard dog.*

the budget problem. I was going to work on fixing the spiritual problems," Woodruff recounts.

When he did follow family tradition by going to Lycoming College, Woodruff liked it. "Close to some of my best days were at Lycoming. I was pushed, knocked down and had my ego deflated," says Woodward. "but it was good." He graduated magna cum laude, and to some vindication, with the highest GPA in his family.

These days, student pastors are more likely to be older.

"We bring gray hair, fat and old bones to the ministry," quips Rev. Weaver, who in fact does have gray hair, a little extra padding and some creaks and aches only enhanced by his passion for youth soccer and Little League. "Ministry needs life experience," he says.

Weaver wasn't looking for job when he felt called to the ministry. Born a Catholic, he married into the United Methodist Church.

At Lycoming, he majored in business, taking his religion courses as electives, because he had started a business degree at Elizabethtown, but also because as a business major, he felt grounded in the real world, not such a bad thing for a minister to have.

This is a job that Rev. Weaver clearly enjoys.

"I love standing in front of the church leading people in worship and I love standing in the back of the church, greeting the people as they leave."

He finds the church "active, growing and challenging beyond belief."

From her years as a church secretary Karen Allen knew about the lifestyle of a pastor, so when she felt God calling her she was "scared to death."

The scariest moment was when the girl who had been the class flirt and goof-off registered for her first college course that would begin the journey to ministry.

She proved to be an excellent student with a special gift for ancient Greek and graduated magna cum laude.

She finds that being the pastor is worlds apart from being the church secretary. "You never know when the phone rings in the middle of the night what it will bring," she says.

"I'm lucky," Karen Allen says, speaking a few days after graduation. "I already have the job I really want."

Karen is also right where she wants to be — in the mountains of Pennsylvania — a dream of hers since childhood in New Jersey.

After becoming a licensed pastor in New Jersey, she petitioned her Council to transfer her to Pennsylvania. When her appointment came through, her husband gave up his job as a 20-year management veteran of A & P, and they moved with their two children to Muncy Valley. Her husband now has his own painting business, thriving thanks to their proximity to Eagles Mere.

The parsonage includes 30 acres and a barn. Behind the church, a soccer field stretches down to a wooded creek

where Karen began creekside services on Sunday evenings during the summer. These services have become so popular that they are bringing new people into the church.

With a growing congregation that includes many young families, Karen keeps a "Worship Bear" in the front pew for the littlest church-goers who may get fidgety during the service.

Karen surveys the expanse of fields, Muncy Creek, and the mountains rising up past the creek. "This is not bad for someone who wanted to be in the mountains," she smiles.

#### Editors Note:

Rev. Allen hopes to continue to be a pastor of a church in the mountains. Rev. Weaver wants to specialize in grief counseling. Rev. Woodruff is considering a chaplaincy internship in Hospice care. ▲



*Rev. Gary Weaver likes both the front and the back of the church*



**F**orty-eight hours away from a week's vacation, and Rev. John Smith\* is burnt out. He hasn't had a day off in the last four weeks and coming off a week of Vacation Bible School has put the finishing touches on exhaustion.

It's the dynamics of the institution itself. "You know when you were a kid in school how you might get a ton of homework; you didn't get a lot from any particular course. It would just add up."

That's how Smith feels. As associate pastor, he has office hours in the morning, makes hospital visits and deals with crises in the afternoon, and after supper, he finds himself back at the church almost every night attending a meeting of some sort.

"Don't get me wrong, there is no greater privilege than to walk with someone in pain; but your kids need you; your wife needs you; there's no time for your own spiritual needs. If I wanted to spend an hour in prayer, I'd have to get up at 4 a.m."

On Sunday, he is even busier. Smith is in charge of the contemporary worship service which entails playing lead guitar as well as giving the sermon.

"My Dad was a truck driver. But he was home every night at 5 p.m. He was always there for us, and my children won't have that," says Smith. His children are 8 and 5 years old.

"We are asked to ignore our spouses and children under the guilt-inspiring rubric of sacrificial service, and we are constantly held up to the standard of our Lord who —best we know—



had neither spouse nor children," says Smith.

Part of the problem is the rapid growth of his large suburban church—1100 members and still growing. "The population of this area is growing; our Sunday School classes are bursting; and we have five and six new membership classes each a year," he explains.

Part of the problem is being an associate pastor. Four years ago, John was the sole pastor for two small churches which allowed him to have more control over his schedule.

Sometimes he questions whether he would better serve the church as a lay person concentrating on perhaps one of two areas of particular interest.

He also finds it very difficult to seek help from colleagues. He has found that the church is not immune to personality clashes between congregants and minister or even among the clergy.

"I've never heard a pastor break a confidence given to him by a parishioner, but they can gossip about each other," he says.

## Rev. Fix-It.

**Rev. Arthur Montgomery '70** of Millerstown, Pa., has been through vocational counseling. He has also dropped out of the ministry for five years to be a computer programmer. He knows his problem. He suffers from a sense of co-dependency, which means "We need to fix everything," he says.

He becomes frustrated when he finds that he can't fix everyone's problem. Mark enjoys leading worship and preaching and, he confesses, he likes the approval and affirmation he receives from the congregation. But there are times when he tires of the constant preparation: the sermons, bible studies, funerals and marriages that can cause a burnout in creativity.

But as Art looks around at his neighbors in his rural congregation, he sees burnout of epidemic proportions.

"Everyone has his own agenda. Sports programs are going crazy, and we all have

more possessions that demand more time. People are reluctant to invest in anything beyond that agenda. They see church as just one more obligation," Art says.

"You're dealing with crises—marital, emotional, sickness, or death. You can't separate the job from the rest of your life, you live it morning, afternoon and evening."

This is compounded by an enormous sense of "ought"—of obligation and duty because this is God's work, Montgomery feels.

"Now, a large percentage of what we do is PR—selling the church. PR has become extremely prolific among Christian professionals. Pastors have now become CEOs complete with their marketing schemes," he laments.



In addition, families of pastors get hit with an intense scrutiny. Montgomery knows this because his daughter is an unwed single mother who lives in the same community. The fact that his own

children have had some problems often helps to break the ice in family counseling.

"And yet," he says "once you've done this job, everything pales in comparison in terms of meaning."

"There is no question in my mind that God is using me," says Montgomery.

"I think about the Disciples who were fishermen, leaving what they did to become fishers of men, and I wonder how many times did they say 'I'd rather be fishing?'" Art asks.

\* John Smith asked that his real name not be used.



# Update on the Lycoming College Religion Dept



Dr. Eduardo Guerra

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At each formal academic celebration — from New Student Convocation to Commencement — the mace, the symbol of faculty authority, is carried by the most senior member of the faculty. For several years, that person has been Dr. Guerra who joined the Lycoming college religion department in 1960.

Dr. Guerra had has a dual career as both a professor and a cleric. He became an ordained Episcopal priest in 1968 and continues to serve the Church of Our Savior in Montoursville.

Many students over the years have been introduced to archeology by Dr. Guerra who summer after summer led groups to digs in the Holy Land.

A native of Mexico, Dr. Guerra received his Bachelor of Divinity degree from Southern Methodist University and his master's degree and doctorate in Biblical studies from Union Theological Seminary.

After 38 years, Guerra continues to research and write on religious matters. In 1993 he was one of just six Hispanic scholars nationwide to receive a grant from the Lily Foundation to participate in a two-year Writers Workshop. He recently completed a book on The Social Dimensions of Jesus' Parabolic Teaching.

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Dr. Richard A. Hughes

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Dr. Richard Hughes began his 29th year teaching his "death and dying course," a staple for all nursing students and one of the most popular courses on campus. The course introduces students to the unsettling subject of their own mortality with a final project that offers the option of planning in detail one's own funeral. More than 80% of the students elect that option. Funeral planning has changed over the years, Hughes observes. In the 1970s, students usually gave the cause of their own described death as natural causes. In the 1990s, they are more likely to describe their death as a violent one — usually from an accident.

Hughes joined the faculty in 1970 after receiving his doctorate from Boston University. His undergraduate degree is from the University of Indianapolis. He also studied in Geneva and Paris and is an ordained United Methodist minister. He holds the M.B. Rich Chair in religion.

Over the years, Hughes has written a number of books that explore the blend of theology and existential studies, including *Theology and the Cain Complex*, *The Aggression and Expiation* (coming out in Portuguese), *The Judge and Faith Healer*, *Return of the Ancestor* (which won an international prize and is being translated into Portuguese) and *The Radiant Shock of Death*.

He and his wife, Diane '74, are busy raising two teenagers, Heather, 17, and Jim, 13. Naturally, he is working on another book, *Cain's Lament*.

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## Dr. Robert Van Voorst

Maybe it was because he already knew the Greek alphabet, but when the Alpha Sigma Tau sorority was looking for an advisor, they asked Dr. Van Voorst, associate professor of religion.

Van Voorst was not a "Greek" himself during his undergraduate years at Hope College in Michigan, but he has enjoyed working with sorority.

And he does, indeed, know his Greek. In addition to his religion courses, Van Voorst teaches Greek as well as Hebrew.

Since arriving on campus in 1989, Dr. Van Voorst has written three textbooks, *Building Your New Testament Greek*, *Anthology of World Scriptures* and *Readings in Christianity*, which are used on more than 300 different campuses.

In 1995, he was received the Junior Faculty Teaching Award given to the outstanding faculty member who has been on the faculty less than seven years.

Dr. Van Voorst loves Italy and has led a religion history/art tour of the country five times in the past decade.

He, too, is an ordained minister; his church is the Reformed Church of America. He holds a master's degree and doctorate in theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

He and his wife, Mary, have two sons, the oldest of which is now in high school.

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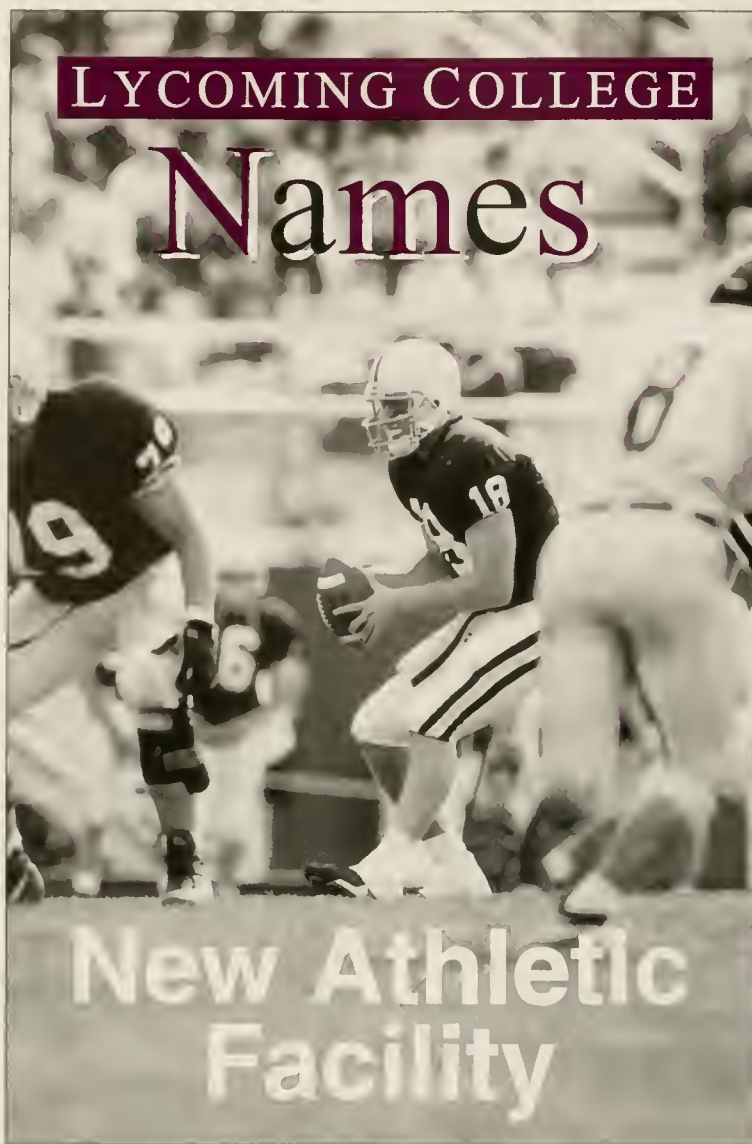
Under a bright blue sky before the first football game in September, Bob Shangraw '58 with his wife, Charlene, by his side unveiled the dedication plaque on the new Robert L. Shangraw Athletic Complex. His children, several grandchildren and his many, many friends from the community looked on while the Lycoming College cheerleaders gave him a special cheer.

The new complex contains the bleachers and locker rooms and support areas at David Person Field.

In his remarks, President James E. Douthat, cited Bob for his gifts of "financial support, his total loyalty, his precious personal time and his boundless energies to Lycoming College."

Shangraw has served the College as chairman of the Board since 1989. He has also served as chair of the College's last two fundraising campaigns which have raised over \$36 million and have resulted in the construction of the Heim Biology & Chemistry Building, and in the expansion of the College's boundaries to Market Street and the creation of the new entrance to the College.

Shangraw is First Vice President for Investments with Merrill Lynch. He joined the Board of Trustees in 1985 and was elevated to Chairman in 1989.



## Krapf Wing

The west wing, housing the soccer locker rooms and support facilities, is named after the Krapf family which includes Dale '67 and Dallas '69 Krapf. Dale Krapf has been a Trustee since 1993.



Dale, his wife Nannette, and Dallas Krapf.



Architect Tony Visco at left.

## Girardi Wing

The east wing, which contains the football locker rooms, coaches' quarters, and other support facilities, is named after Frank Girardi, the College's 26-year veteran football coach.



President Douthat with Charlene and Bob Shangraw.



Frank Girardi sends in another play



## FACTS

**Total Cost about \$1.95 million**

### COMPARISON:

#### Old Stadium

#### New Complex

#### Size:

5,000 sq ft.  
876 seats

17,700 sq ft.  
2,000 seats

#### Locker Rooms:

Home football for 70

Home football for 100  
men's lacrosse

Visitor football

New larger visitor football  
lacrosse locker room

Men's soccer no showers

New men's soccer locker room  
New women's soccer locker room  
Coaches' locker room  
Larger public rest rooms  
Stands and press box  
handicapped accessible

#### Architect:

Anthony Visco of Williamsport

#### Contractor:

TurnKey Contractors, Inc.,  
of Williamsport

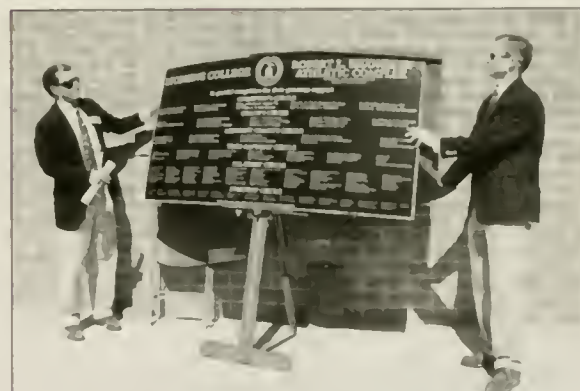
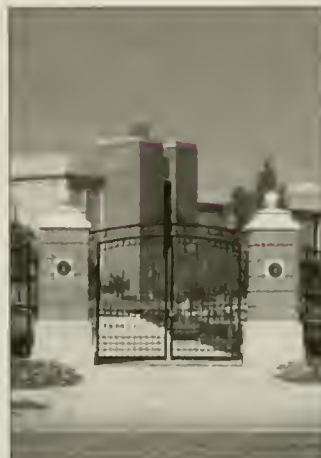
## College Receives \$400,000 Kresge Grant

In June Lycoming College received a \$400,000 Grant from the Kresge Foundation.

The grant, a challenge grant initiated in June of 1997, was based on Lycoming College raising \$1.1 million by June 1 of this year. The grant and the \$1.1 million went toward the South Campus improvements and the Robert L. Shangraw Athletic Complex at David Person Field.

Lycoming College received gifts and pledges from over 250 donors. Gifts ranged from \$25 to \$100,000.

The Kresge Foundation is an independent, private foundation created by the personal gifts of Sebastian S. Kresge.



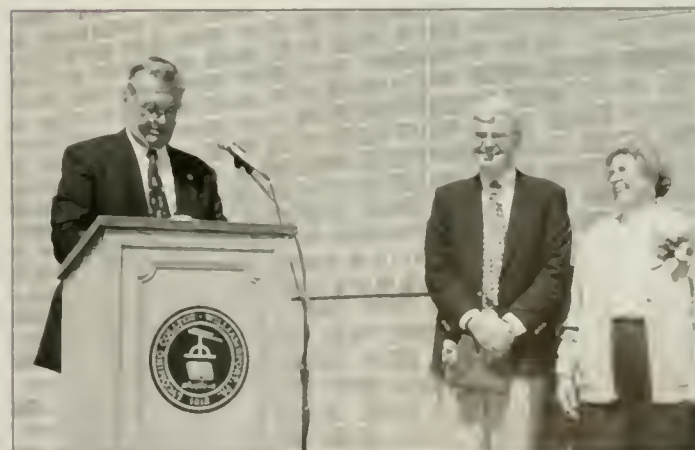
Kevin McTernan and Tom Ruhl unveil the donor plaque



Dr. Bob Yasin and Mel Campbell '70 in the President's Box



Cheer  
for Bob  
Shangraw



Bob Shangraw shares a light moment at the dedication of the athletic complex

**G**.W. Hawkes slowly swirled his tall glass of scotch.

"I love it," he said.

Not the scotch—Hawkes was referring to the attention his novels, "Surveyor" and "Semaphore"—published simultaneously by MacMurray & Beck—are receiving from critics.

"You know what it's like—you've been wanting something so badly and when you get it all you can do is smile," he said, stretching his back against the cool, black leather bench. He threw his arm along the top of the booth and grinned. "I've worked hard for this."

All kidding aside, the Lycoming College English professor probably does work hard—not that it's noticeable on a late Thursday afternoon. The sandy-haired writer, informal in his blue jeans, joked about his relaxed summer schedule. He writes in the morning but often can be found on the White Deer Golf Course.

The conversation turns serious, however, when Hawkes talks about his novels.

"Your job is to try to understand what it's like to be NOT you.

Think about it. It's the only art where you pretend to know what someone feels or thinks," Hawkes said. "I'm not as observant of people, but you get a sense of what matters to people—heart matters. That's why you revise a lot—because you get a lot wrong," he said.

Stories, he added, really are about reaffirming truths that we know, and readers never are surprised about what they know.

"Why do we keep writing about the same things? For example, love? Because it can take a lot of different shapes," Hawkes said. "You're building word pictures that you're hoping the reader will finish in their head. It's a transference of dreams, not a creation."

### 'Surveyor'

"Surveyor" is a novel Hawkes wrote over the course of 10 years. Set in the New Mexico desert, the story is about two middle-aged men, Paul Suope and John Merline, who survey the land and create plaster relief maps for a mysterious foundation.

The men, friends from the Korean War, have a hermetic existence, and intrusions are unwelcome.

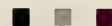
Conflicts arise when snoopy archaeologists and a beautiful college student intrude. Then John makes plans for the future, and they don't include Paul.

Hawkes is interested in how Paul reacts to the changes in his world and his

misconceptions about people and about the geography of the desert.

The fact is, Paul also is changing. His decision to remain in the desert, surveying and creating maps without a partner, means he must adapt. Paul learns the maps the team created are not factual.

"That's the revelation for Paul—the archaeologists know everything about the desert



**The fact that Joseph can see the end—the mortality of the people he loves—makes him want to hold them closer.**



and he doesn't—and he's been surveying it for 30 years," Hawkes said.

"Did the land change? Or, are the maps based upon faulty measurements?"

"We can't know everything about anything," Hawkes said.

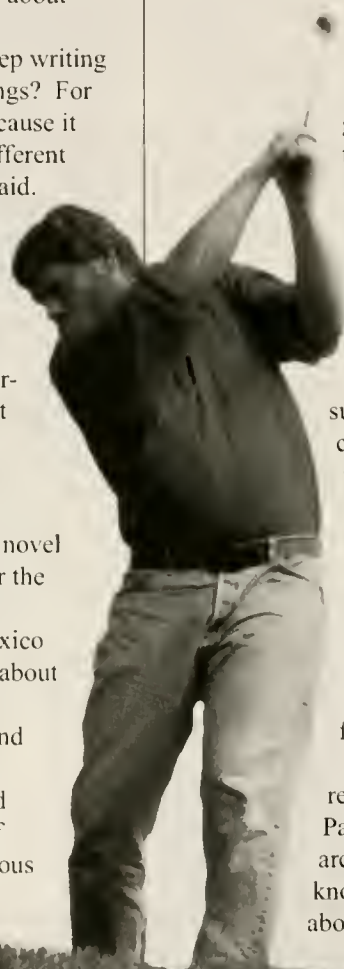
In the absence of his partner, Paul has to learn to create the maps.

"The story is the making of the artist. Paul has learned how to see. He also learns compassion. To be an artist means to give. It's a Zen thing—to give to the moment what the moment is to you."

### Semaphore

"Semaphore" is closer to Hawkes' heart. Asked by his publishers at MacMurray and Beck to finish his novel for a duo-release with "Surveyor," Hawkes said he worked furiously to complete the novel on time.

The story is set in the Carolinas. Joseph Taft is a



# All Signs Point to Success

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NOVELIST  
SURVEYS  
FUTURE



boy who can see the future—a formidable burden, since he cannot talk and refuses to learn sign language.

“Joseph has a tremendous freedom,” Hawkes said. “If he can’t communicate with his parents, he can come and go as he pleases. He’s really not responsible. And, he wants to keep his privacy.”

Built on a firm foundation of prose, “Semaphore” is the story of Joseph’s journey to manhood and how he forges a life of normalcy despite his handicaps.

“What makes it different is he has seen the future, but he has got to ignore that possibility,” Hawkes said. “It’s a book about courage more than fear. It’s about the decision you make to go forward, rather than stay where you are. It must be horrible for a kid...I can’t quite remember what it’s like. Imagine an infant who cries to be fed and Mother magically appears. That’s where the magic is.”

Joseph has three kinds of visions: fact, what is metaphorically true, and outright lies.

“He no longer can distinguish which vision is true, so he decides not to trust any of them” Hawkes said.

The fact that Joseph can see the end—the mortality of the people he loves—makes him want to hold them closer.



Hawkes began his book tour in New York City this summer at Borders Bookstore in the World Trade Center. He also gave readings at Borders Bookstore in Philadelphia and at Otto’s in Williamsport.

In addition, Hawkes appeared on WAMU Radio in Washington D.C. on

the nationally syndicated National Public Radio Program “Public Interest.”

Later this fall, he will tour the Rocky Mountain States. MacMurray & Beck, an independent press, is based in Denver, Colorado.

Hawkes is co-director of the creative writing program at Lycoming College.

Although *Surveyor* and *Semaphore* are Hawkes’ first novels, he has published two books of short stories *Spies in the Blue Smoke* and *Playing Out of the Deep Woods*, as well as short stories in magazines such as *The Atlantic Monthly*, *GQ*, and *Ploughshares*.

Both novels are available from the Lycoming College bookstore. ▲



**“G.W. Hawkes ability to turn a phrase with panache and precision is fully on display here.”**

David Guterson  
author of *Snow*  
*Falling on Cedars*

**“I haven’t read a finer portrait of youthful genius since J.D. Salinger’s ‘Teddy.’ It’s a triumph.”**

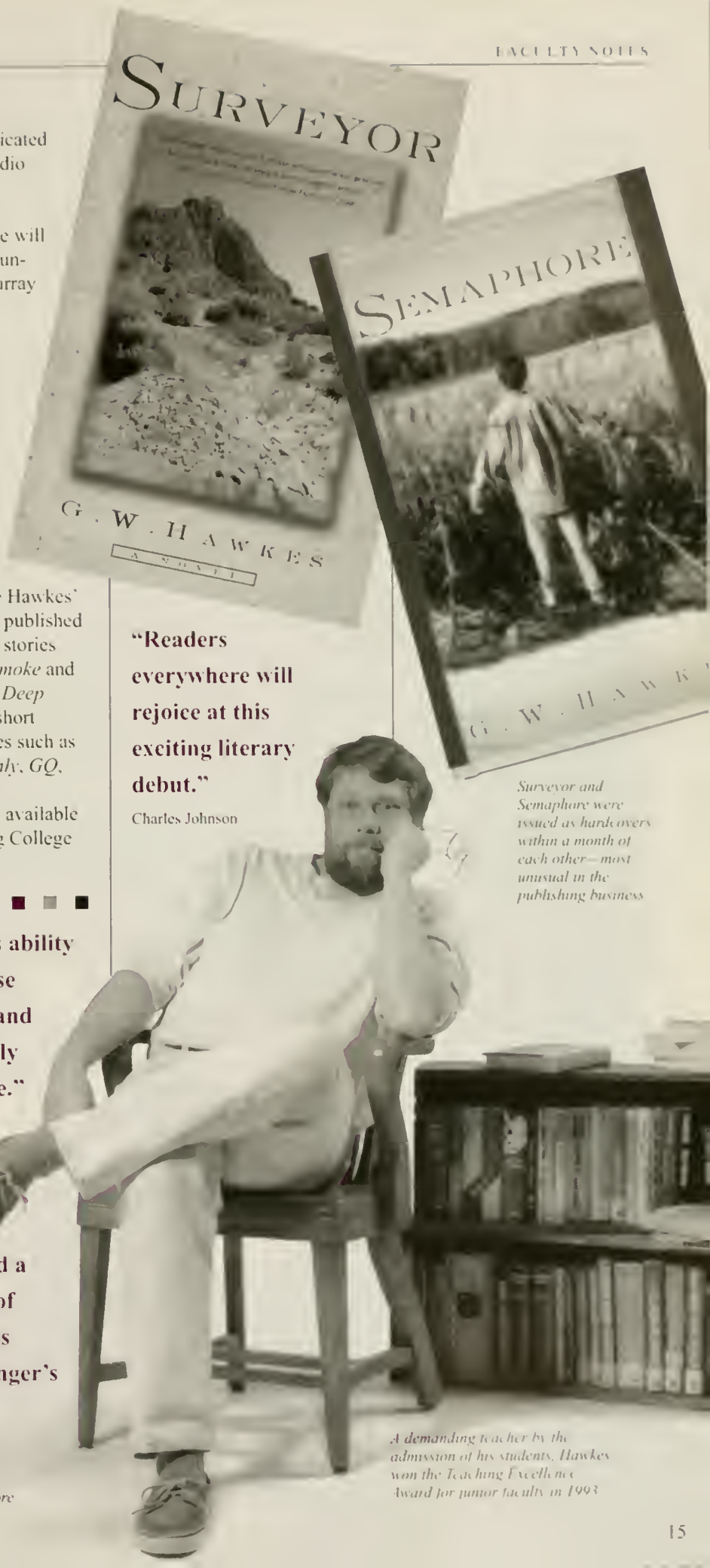
Ron Hansen  
writing about *Semaphore*

**“Readers everywhere will rejoice at this exciting literary debut.”**

Charles Johnson

*Surveyor and Semaphore were issued as hard covers within a month of each other—most unusual in the publishing business*

*A demanding teacher by the admission of his students, Hawkes won the Teaching Excellence Award for junior faculty in 1993*



# Homecoming

Great weather.  
Great football  
(36-14 win over FDU).  
Great friends.



The  
'98ers  
returned.



Dr. Mary Townsley,  
a researcher/professor  
in the physiology of the  
heart at the University  
of South Alabama Medical  
School, gave the  
Homecoming biology/  
chemistry lecture.



Shallimar  
(Sholley)  
Beshore '51  
and husband,  
John Beshore.



Veronica Buttari  
of Penedel, Pa.,  
is crowned  
Homecoming  
Queen by  
Jenna Hoff '97.





*The floats have returned! Students re-created an old Lycoming tradition this year by building floats on the backs of golf carts. Next year, they say, the parade will be even bigger!*



*Freshman float*



*Habitat for Humanity float*



*Alison Wonderband played under the big top at the all alumni dinner. Alison is Alison Semerino Rupert '72*



*1998 Athletic Hall of Fame (l to r) Michael W. Westcott '66 (swimming), Mark W. Sawyer '82 (wrestling), William J. Conroy '78 (basketball), Mickey Pease '85 (football), Troy Erdman '91 (football).*



*Winner of the 1998 alumni of the Year is Jean White '50 (seated). Alumni Achievement Awards go to Harriet Jones Kitzman '59 (left) (creator of one of the first Pediatric Nurse Practitioner programs in the nation), Connie Nicodemus Vance '59 (Dean of the School of Nursing, College of New Rochelle), and Roger Crebs '87 (not pictured) (named national Division III wrestling coach of 1997). Jack Schultz Williamsport businessman, won the Dale V. Bower Service Award*



*President Douthat and his daughter, Anna, greet Dot (Ferrell) Sandmeyer '43 and husband, Bill Sandmeyer*



*Meet the class of 2020*

# A Road Less Traveled

## Car Collection is His Passion

**a**lumni, like automobiles, have taken different routes over the course of their lifetime. Gerry Ayers, of Williamsport, Pa., has put his name on the map as a world class collector, enthusiast and preservationist in the transportation arena. Major leaps of self awareness began the first week after his graduation in 1984.

"Everyone else my age was talking about landing a megabuck job with a huge corporation or getting married and having kids," says Ayers. "I broke the mold by having neither of those things interest me; the love of my life was sitting at a Ford dealership 20 minutes from campus in the form of a new Mustang SVO."

Alas, his degree of journalism helped him get a

job with the Lycoming College public relations department headed by William Rupp at the time. He also worked for the local Sunday *Grit* newspaper in the sports department. Today he's a tennis instructor and freelance writer. Does he have any children? So far, nine and counting.

His "babies" are known to many within the automotive hobby simply as the Ayers Collection. The go-go '80's spawned a new direction for performance cars after the doldrum '70's, using turbo charged, small displacement motors to get the most from the least. Getting eight cylinder power in the economy of only four cylinders was the hot item. "It was a great time to be a college student and car enthusiast because I was having my cake and eating



*At age 6, Ayers loved to cruise. Here he is with a passenger in a small scale Thunderbird at Lake Jean, Indiana, on a summer vacation.*

it too," says Ayers. Needless to say, the '84 SVO ended up in his driveway. He actually bought the car BEFORE he had his driver's license. "No big deal," says Ayers. "I walked or biked to Lycoming every day. It kept me in shape."

Ayers prides himself on having in his collection some of the rarest turbo charged cars built, in the best condition anyone has ever seen. Some are acclaimed as being the only one of its kind or the lowest mileage unit known to exist. He later added two other Mustang SVO's to his stable; an '85 1/2 "competition preparation" model which deleted air conditioning and all power accessories and was intended for motor sport use. It currently sits with 548 ticks on the odometer, one of 10 built. He also



*Would you buy a new car from this man? Ayers worked part time over the Christmas holiday in a Porsche Boutique located at the Camp Hill Mall in Pennsylvania, one of only a handful of shops across the country. Ayers commuted two hours one way. Shown is the '98 Porsche Boxster.*

obtained the final SVO built, formerly owned by NASCAR family Bill and Dan Elliot of Dawsonville, Georgia. That car shows three miles on it and the plastic, packing and stickers remain on the car, just like it was unloaded from the delivery truck.

"It's amazing the people I've met over the years at car shows, races, swap meets and club events who truly love cars and what they represent. To many of us, they are time capsules or



*1984 marked Lycoming graduation and the first of many turbocharged gems. This is the Mustang SVO of which only 1008 were built the first year of production.*



fountain of youth machines which keep us occupied and happy. I just went overboard at some point. I guess it could have been worse. I could have decided to collect bulldozers or double-decker buses," says Ayers with a grin.

A fan of legendary racer and builder Carroll Shelby since he was young, Ayers followed him to Chrysler and bought some of his modified, turbo charged iron. An '87 Shelby Charger GLH-S (one of 1000, 5210 miles), an '87 Shelby Shadow CSX (one of 750, 8370 miles), and an '89 Shelby Shadow CSX-VNT (one of 15,773 miles). Ayers was also fortunate to grasp the last Dodge Daytona made, a turbo treat which featured a 24 horsepower, 16 valve, dual overhead camshaft motor. It was the fastest front wheel drive car built in North America in 1993. Chrysler officials invited him to the Sterling Heights, Michigan, plant to be with the car as it rolled off the assembly line, but he couldn't go due to his work schedule.

His devotion to U.S. made cars has made him plenty of friends in Detroit. One is Ford's manager of Special Vehicle Engineering, O. John Coletti, known to many as "Mr. Mustang." In March of 1998, Ayers got to meet with him. "We discussed some cars of mine he would like for use in the upcoming national Mustang Museum, and we talked about the direction future Mustangs are going to take," said Ayers. "It was an honor and pleasure talking with him. Especially since it's usually easier to meet with the Pope than get into Coletti's office!"

Ayers isn't afraid to pick up the phone and ask questions. He credits hat to



*Ayers proudly stands next to "The Beast," a '95 Mustang Cobra R. Only 232 units were ever built and all were intended for racing purposes. This car came without a radio or backseat to save on weight. This car currently sits with six miles on it*

his courses and professors at Lycoming College who stressed that excellent communication skills and perseverance are two things that never go out of style—either in the workplace or outside of it.

When he went hunting for the '93 Daytona, regional reps and dealerships said no more could be had and that production had ceased. Ayers called Robert Goldenthall, head product planner for Daytona, and found out that in reality, several were still to be made. "Being a turbo nut, I asked if the final car was accounted for. When he said it was mine I almost fell to the floor," says Ayers.

Buying is one thing. Using is another. And preserving is probably the most difficult aspect for this collector. "Keeping a 300 horsepower car in the garage under wraps can be compared to going to an amusement park and not being able to hop on any of the rides," says Ayers. But he knows the car world is a better off place because of his sacrifices.

"People from all over the country call me when doing a restoration or to receive guidance when buying a used one," he says. "They want to know what certain decals, belts or hoses look like or

what is stamped on the whatever. Or they want pictures of the underside. It's almost impossible to keep these little things intact if you drive them every day."

His extensive collection of dealership memorabilia, albums, books, factory posters and sales guides help him with research on production figures and rare facts, thus his bedroom resembles more of a library than a place to sleep.

"The entire process of car production has always fascinated me," says Ayers. "The planning, the building, the promotion, and finally, the sale to the consumer. Cars effect all of us because we are truly a nation on wheels.

The new Volkswagen Beetle proves shape, emotion and fun can rule over practicality and stodginess."

Knowing the future belongs to the children of today, Ayers is working with the American Automobile Heritage Foundation (AAHF) to develop programs to get youngsters interested in the automotive hobby. He

acknowledges that he got his first taste when buying and playing with Hot Wheels and Matchbox toy cars. He thinks many kids aren't into cars anymore. "They tell me they are into computers, clothes, snowboarding and partying. It's discouraging, because I know cars are a great pastime and can keep bored kids or adults out of trouble," he says.

Not bowing to the status quo has allowed Ayers to achieve something usually reserved for writers, artists and musicians. "They have obtained immortality in a sense. These cars will end up in museums someday and they'll be talking about the weirdo who rode a bike instead of driving them."

And what about investment? Ayers concedes that cars usually rank pretty low when compared to stocks, CD's and mutual funds. And he admits for all the money he has put into them he could have "a wife, house on the hill, 2.5 real children and a mini-van."

Unfortunately, according to Ayers, "Anyone could do that." ▲



*Manager of Ford's Special Vehicle Engineering, O. John Coletti, shakes hands with Gerry Ayers in his office located just outside Dearborn, Michigan. Ford officials would like to use some of Ayers cars in an upcoming Mustang Museum*

## Lycoming College Rated as a Top Five Best Buy

Lycoming College has been rated by U.S. News & World Report as one of the top five best values among regional liberal arts colleges. This ranking takes into consideration the school's quality and the

school's net cost after financial aid. Some 81% of students

attending Lycoming College receive some kind of financial aid.

Lycoming College also was ranked one of the top 300

Best Buys in Colleges by

Barron's.

"We're very proud of this rating because it validates our efforts to keep a quality education affordable" said James D. Spencer, dean of admissions and financial aid.

In addition, the college is listed on the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll of Character-building Colleges, one of 300 colleges to be so named.

## New 150-Credit Accounting Program at Lycoming

To meet the needs of aspiring CPAs, Lycoming College has begun a new 150-credit accounting program. In most states, including Pennsylvania, the additional credits also count

as a year of accounting experience.

Although it usually takes four years to complete the standard 128-credit program, the 150-credit program can actually be done in four or 4 1/2 years by taking courses or internships during the summer.

In addition Lycoming still offers the traditional undergraduate program for accounting majors. Majors can choose to specialize in financial accounting which leads to the CPA exam or management accounting which prepares them for the Certified Management Accounting exam.

## Lycoming College Offers New Program in Health Ministry and Parish Nursing

Ministry to the soul has now found a connection with ministry to the body in what has become a new and growing job: the "parish" or congregational nurse. For the first time this fall, Lycoming College offered a six credit certificate program to train nurses to administer to a church congregation.

The "parish" nurse makes visits to people who are elderly or chronically ill and acts as a health counselor and advocate for the church member with the health care establishment.



## Creative Writing Program Takes Off at Lycoming College

Lycoming College's creative writing program has come of age. Not

only it is attracting new students to Lycoming College, but it is becoming recognized as one of the best programs of its kind among small colleges.

Let's start with the faculty, Dr. Sascha Feinstein and Dr. G.W. Hawkes. Trained as scholars and writers, they bring a tremendous diversity to a small program. Few—if any—schools the size of Lycoming offer a major in creative writing in an English Department where nearly a third of the faculty are trained, published writers of poetry, fiction, essays, and articles, and have achieved a national reputation. Sascha's fourth book has just come out this summer, and G.W.'s third and fourth books (both novels) are now out as well. Feinstein also edits *Brilliant Corners*, a national literary magazine.

In a major that graduates no more than three or four creative writing majors a year, at least one has gone on to graduate school each year since we began. These students have published, too, shortly after (or before) leaving Lycoming: **Mark Forrester ('93)**, pursuing a Ph.D. at Maryland, has published; **Liz Clark ('94)**, pursuing her Ph.D. at Binghamton University, has published and recently won recognition from *Harper's Magazine*; **Steve Cramer ('96)**, pursuing an M.F.A. at NYU, has published; **Josh Emig ('96)**, has published.

## Lycoming Students Remember Flight 800

Students from Lycoming College remembered the victims from the TWA Flight 800 by helping to clear a Flight 800 Memorial Hiking Trail as part of their freshman service day.

Lycoming College is located approximately 5 miles from the town of Montoursville which lost 16 French Club students and

five adults in the 1996 crash.

The hiking trail was one of 33 different sites at which the 390 members of the Class of 2002 lent a volunteer hand.



Lycoming College volunteers lending a hand for flight 800 hiking trail.





### A Tree for Flight 800

Lycoming formally dedicated a Japanese Kamura tree to the high school students and their chaperones lost on TWA Flight 800. The tree is located next to the pedestrian walk from Mulberry Street to the new Main Gate.

### Taunia Halcrow '92, Speaker at New Student Convocation

Taunia Halcrow '92 was the featured speaker at the New Student Convocation in August. Halcrow spoke to the incoming freshmen about the importance of volunteer work. Halcrow heads up the marketing program for blood donors in the Philadelphia area.



Taunia Halcrow '92

### Lycoming Presents Symposium on Human Rights

Lycoming College's Fall Symposium on Human Rights brought to campus Rev. Dr. William S. Schultz, the executive director of Amnesty International-USA; internationally known photographer Phil Borges; the AIDS Quilt, and a Human Rights Film Festival.

### Special Exhibition

Enduring Spirit, a traveling photography exhibit by Phil Borges, spent a month in the Lycoming College Art Gallery (September 4 to October 4). The exhibit was created as a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. It opened in San Francisco and traveled to Los Angeles, San Diego,

Washington D.C., Boston, Montreal, Toronto, and Chicago before coming to Williamsport. Borges himself spent a day on campus on September 16.

### Human Rights Film Festival

A Human Rights Film Festival included four different films, each with a special guest speaker.

Director Mandy Jacobsen spoke at the screening of "Calling All Ghosts," an award-winning documentary

on two Croatian women, both lawyers, seeking justice for the tortures they experienced in a concentration camp.

Producer, Lavonne Poteet, spoke at the screening of "Dance of Hope" which chronicles the efforts of relatives of the "disappeared" in Chile to get information from Pinochet's regime.

Dr. Michael Roskin, professor of political science, led a discussion following a "Frontline" documentary on Somalia.



Above: Phil Borges speaks to a photography class.



His exhibition includes people from endangered cultures.



Left to right: J. Richard Stamm '76 talks accounting to Logan Richmond (professor emeritus) and Eldon Kuhns II, associate professor of accounting.

Dr. John Whelan, professor of philosophy, led a discussion on "Behind the Smile," a documentary on Thai women who live in dormitories and work in textile factories.

### Partner in World's Largest Accounting Firm Speaks at Lycoming

J. Richard Stamm '76, a partner in Pricewaterhouse Coopers (PwC), returned to campus in September to give a lecture to The Institute for Management Studies on "The Federal Corporate Tax System." The lecture was part of the James Harding Executive Speaker Series.

Stamm laid out the history of changes in America has experienced in the corporate tax system since the beginning of the Reagan Presidency. He also discussed the impacts these changes have had on corporate America.

The future is also bright for accounting majors, Stamm assured the audience and recounted his own firm's aggressive efforts—including finders fees—to recruit accountants.

Stamm currently heads PwC's Consumer and Industrial Products Tax practice in the region from Pennsylvania through Florida. His principal clients include: DuPont, Lafarge Corporation, British Aerospace North America, and Saint Gobain Corporation.

After graduation from Lycoming College, Stamm joined the office of Price Waterhouse as an audit staff accountant. In 1981, he transferred to the company's tax practice. Five years later he was admitted to the Price Waterhouse partnership. In 1993, Stamm was named Price Waterhouse

Philadelphia's managing tax partner.

This past year, Price Waterhouse merged with Coopers & Lybrand, thus creating the world's largest accounting firm.

The lecture is free and open to the public.

### Thanks to You AIDS Quilt Comes to Lycoming

The Threads of Love AIDS Memorial Quilt took up a three-day residence in Lamade Gymnasium on October 9-11.

The Quilt could not have come without the support of several alumni who made donations.

Special thanks to: Kim Bissonette '76, Robert Howden '73, Mary Lou Kleinbach '74, Susan '79 and Gary Sojka '77, Michael Waltz '70, Thomas and Sheila Zent '77, Dorothy and Robert Maples (staff and faculty) and friends: David and Shirley Abernathy, James R. Kramer, Larry T. Laird, James Orwig, Nancy Weyant, and Robert N. Whitmoyer.



Dedicating the Calistri War Room are (at left) Ruth Tupper Calistri '58, widow of Leland; and Judy Fry Calistri '56, widow of Leo.

### War Room Dedicated

The coaches' locker room in the Robert L. Shangraw Complex, also known as the "War Room" was dedicated to the memory of Leo A. Calistri '59 and Leland J. Calistri '60.

Leland Calistri, a long-time Williamsport resident, served as the city treasurer for many years before his death in January of 1994.

Leo Calistri, his twin brother, retired as CEO of NewChannels Cable System in Syracuse, New York. He died in February 1998. Leo and his wife, Judy Fry Calistri, served as chairpersons of the Lycoming College Annual Fund during its recent Campaign 2000.

### Watch for the Bookstore's Web Page

Coming soon to the Internet Lycoming College Bookstores's own web page. You will be able to order Lycoming gifts and apparel.



The AIDS Quilt is carefully unfolded in Lamade Gymnasium.



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## Dickinson Seminary and Junior College

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Congratulations to John A. Girton and his wife, the former Mary V. Stewart, who observed their 50th wedding anniversary on September 25, 1998.

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## Lycoming College

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Named Coach of the Year by the Middle States Section of the United States Tennis Association was Bill Humes (Mathematics). He has been a math teacher in the Princeton Regional Schools for the past 38 years and has coached either boys' or girls'

tennis in every one of those years. Bill and his wife, Anne, have two grown sons and reside in Princeton, N.J.

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**Sandy Heumann** (Business) was recently promoted to Senior Vice President of Sales with Healy Manufacturing Co. in Menomonee Falls, Wis. Sandy and his family reside in Livingston, N.J.

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**Jack Ulrich** (Business) was elected the 1998 Chairman of the York County Chamber of Commerce Board. Jack is President of Collens-Wagner Agency Inc., an independent insurance agency in York, Pa., where he resides with his wife, Joan.

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Did you know that **Julie (Shanabrook) Harris** (Sociology) is a golf professional and a member of LPGA in Redwood City, Calif.? She resides in Portola Valley, Calif.

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Susan Shiber '64 (middle) and Marilyn Schaal Roland '60 at right admire the work of watercolor artist Sal Panasci at the Patrons' Preview of Art Ability

**Susan Shiber '64** and **Marilyn (Schaal) Roland '60**, two Lyco alums were instrumental in putting together a very special art exhibit. Art Ability, located at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital in Malvern, Pa., is a juried exhibition and sale of art and fine crafts by artists with disabilities.

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**Rev. Richard W. Bender** (Sociology), is chaplain of Riverwood, a nursing retirement home complex located in Lewisburg, Pa., where he resides with his wife, Jan.

**The Rev. Dr. Larry LeFeber** (English) is now serving the First Baptist Church in Jersey Shore, Pa. He is living in Jersey Shore with his wife, Deborah.

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Congratulations to **Dr. Beth Musser** (Spanish) who was recently honored as one of the top three professors in the state of West Virginia. She is a professor of education at West Liberty State College. Professors are judged on creative and

innovative teaching and must respond to a lengthy application. Musser received \$1,000 for the award.

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**Barbara (Jackson) Cunningham** (History) keeps fit at the Hatha Yoga instructor at the YMCA and YWCA in Clinton, Iowa. Between classes, she continues as a substitute teacher when she's not traveling, taking Tai Chi, reading and enjoying the view of the Mississippi River from her home in Fulton, Ill.

**Dale Krapf** (Business) has been elected chairman of the Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry for 1998. On a lighter note, Dale, along with his wife, Nannette, won a Gold Medal in the US Canoe Association National Canoe and Kayak Marathon Championships, held in Lock Haven, Pa. on July 18, 1998 where they competed in the C-2 Mixed Standard Division. Dale has been a Trustee with the College since 1993. He and his brother, Dallas Krapf '69, are owners and managers of Krapf's Coaches, Inc. in Glenmoore, Pa.

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The class of '67 held their own mini-reunion: Left to right: Ruth Rendle Wood, Lerna Barnes, Kathy Ellwood Miller, Gail Reichard Feustel, Priscilla Freas Merriel, and Evie Curtis Mann.

A group of us wanted to go to Homecoming last year (1997). **Evie Curtis Mann** writes, in what would have been their 30th reunion. "As the date was getting closer, many of us found that we couldn't make it," Evie continues.

So Evie and several of her friends planned their own Lycoming mini-reunion, holding a picnic at the home of **Ruth Rendle Wood** in Lancaster.

**Lerna Barnes** came from Brattleboro, Vermont, and brought her dulcimer. Her next project is a trip to Ireland, Evie reports. **Priscilla Freas Merriel** has retired from teaching and now has a goat farm. **Kathy Ellwood Miller** came from Connecticut and **Gail Reichard Feustel** came from Delaware.

Evie, who had a bout with spinal meningitis over 20 years ago, uses a wheelchair most of the time but drives and has become a creditable left-handed artist.

"It was a small group but we had a great time and we are planning another one next June," says Evie.

Khabarovsk, Russia. She spent five weeks assisting them with their ministry to deaf youth and also lecturing about deaf education in the U.S. While in Russia,

Angela lived with a deaf Russian family and was able to pick up Russian sign language, at least enough to get her point across!

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## Archery Champ Coaches Violinists

**James "Larry"**

**Wise** has coached archers all over the world in the art of shooting the compound and recurve bows. He has coached at two Olympic training sites (although the compound bow is not an Olympic sport) and in clinics as far away as Australia and New Zealand.

This past summer, however, he was asked to come to Tel Aviv to run a clinic for a select group of violin students from 18 different countries from around the world.

The form for shooting a recurve bow and bowing a violin, it turns out, is identical. And at the end of the three-week period, the violin students turned out to be "very good archers," Wise assures us.

For the high school math teacher at Juniata High School, archery has become a second full-time job. He is a professional archer sponsored by Golden Eagle, an Odessa, Florida, sports equipment company. He is the author of five books on the subject and, when not appearing at trade shows and events, helps to develop new products for the company.

The compound bow includes a mechanical apparatus to make the bow easier to shoot.

Wise has plenty of credentials. He won the 1986 World Championship in compound bow and has five World Team titles. He still holds the Pennsylvania State indoor record.

Off the target range, Wise has taken about 25 white tailed bucks, including an 8-point trophy—most of them within a 25-yard range.

Both his daughter and son share his interest in the sport. His son won the world championship in the 12-and-under field, three years ago. His daughter won two national field titles.

Wise, who uses his middle name "Larry" since he graduated from Lycoming, can be reached via email: [larrywise@aesworld.net](mailto:larrywise@aesworld.net).



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What a life! **Melodyc (Hamer) Pompa** (Religion) and her husband, John, both retired since September 1995, have been cruising the Caribbean in their 42-foot sailboat with Millie, their weimaraner.

**Doug Keiper** (History) has been appointed vice president of Central Pennsylvania Brokerage's Williamsport office by Mericle Commercial Real Estate Services of Wilkes-

Barre, Pa. Doug resides in Montoursville with his wife, Dawn.

**George Langis** (Business) has been selected as vice president finance and controller for Rogers Group which serves the south-central United States as a major heavy/highway and bridge contractor. He and his family reside in Brentwood, Tenn.

**Dr. Angela (McElwain) Bednarczyk** (Psychology) had the opportunity to join missionary friends in



**Joyce (Malone)**

**Salvatori** (History) has been appointed assistant principal at Immaculata Academy in New York. She is currently working on her graduate degree at Canisius College. Joyce resides in Orchard Park, N.Y. with her husband, Leonard, and two children.

**Bill M. Bowler** (English)

is Vice-President of Employee Services, Inc. The Wellsville, N.Y. company provides Employee Assistance Program services to 260 organizations in thirty states. Bill is an instrument-rated pilot and uses his aircraft to service accounts in many states. He would like to hear from other Lycoming pilots and aircraft owners. Bill makes his home in Bradford, Pa.

**Jeff F. McCanna** has been hired by Connecticut River Bank as Vice President and Senior Loan Officer at its Charlestown office. Jeff resides in Vernon, Vt., with his wife, Susan, and son, Benjamin.

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From Ireland—**Kathleen V. Donnelly** (Theatre) completed her Ph.D in communications from Dublin City University. She is now associate professor in the Advertising & Public Relations Department, School of Journalism & Communications at Florida International University, in North Miami. Kathleen makes her home in Hollywood, Fla.

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**Howard Walker** (Art) recently completed qualifications as a Certified Graduate Remodeler, which was granted by the National Association of Home Builders. He is President of Helping Hands Construction, a design build remodeling firm. Howard lives on St. Simons Island, Ga. with his wife and son.

**Evelyn (Kilshaw) Woodworth** (Mathematics) has been promoted within

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There's a new lawyer in town. **Patricia (Brown) Dees** (French) graduated from Valparaiso University School of Law and recently passed the Indiana bar exam. She is clerking for a federal judge in South Bend, Ind. Patty and her husband, Harry, make their home in Granger, Ind.

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In 1979, eight years after her graduation from Lycoming, **Roxanne Alnutt '71** was the recipient of news that would affect her life forever. Roxie was diagnosed with MS, a progressive and debilitating disease of the nervous system.

Roxie had returned to her hometown of Fulton, N.Y., was married and had a daughter. While teaching grades 3, 4 and 5 at the Oak Street Elementary School, she found the time to author a book on the history of Fulton which is still used as part of the school's curriculum.

Her disease, although ever present, did not cause Roxie to make life changes until 1985 when she had to retire after 13 years of teaching. In 1993, the effects of her illness caused her to leave the independence of her home and enter the Andrew Michaud Nursing Home in Fulton. Roxie contacted her classmates at the time of the 25th reunion in 1996 to let everyone know of her condition and her move to the nursing home.

Upon hearing this news, **Laurie Connolly Smith '71**, organized a mini-reunion to take place on the weekend of Roxie's birthday in November 1996. Attending were **Jackie Phillips Stutzman '71**, **Cindy Falesik Zomar '71**, **Ginger May Fox '71** and **Laurie Connolly Smith**. The tradition continued this year with Ginger joining Laurie and **Jimmy Smith '71** and their children in paying Roxie a birthday visit.

Roxie has been an active resident within the nursing home community. She has served as president of the resident's association for three years and is currently up for election to the post of vice-president. She has also served on the dietary committee and the department head committee. When a new patio was added to the nursing home a few years ago, Roxie was selected to cut the ribbon and give the welcoming speech at the dedication.

Her daughter, Sheryl, is currently a sophomore in college in Jacksonville, Tenn., and is studying accounting. Roxie is very proud of her and her room is filled with photos of Sheryl and other family members and friends. Mail is one of the things Roxie looks forward to. You may send correspondence to Roxanne Alnutt Stuart, AMNH, 450 S. 4th Street, Fulton, NY 13069.



*Left to right: Jackie Phillips Stutzman, Cindy Falesik Zomar, Roxie Alnutt, Ginger May Fox, and Laurie Connolly Smith*

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AT&T to District Manager, High Speed Services, Engineering and Development. Her group specializes in operations support of AT&T's frame relay and ATM data networks. She and her husband, Clark, reside in Rumson, N.J. with their two children, Jeff and Chris.

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**Jeff Balentine** (Psychology) is assistant Director of the Anne Arundel County Department of Aging. Jeff and his family reside in Annapolis, Md.

**Jerry C. Lepley** (Criminal Justice) was recently sworn in as District Justice of Lycoming County District Court 29-03-01. He had been a sergeant with the Jersey Shore Police Department before taking this new position. Jerry resides in Jersey Shore with his wife, Tammy and their two sons.

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**Linda Porr Sweeney** (Political Science) has formed a new law firm with another attorney. Ellis & Porr PC has offices in Lancaster and Allentown, Pa. The new firm practices civil litigation, with emphasis on professional liability, general liability, workers compensation and commercial cases. Linda resides in Lancaster, Pa. with her husband, Joseph, and their three children.

**Glen D. McDowell** (History) has moved up to Area Manager Out Patient Operations for Health South New Mexico, the largest nationwide rehab company in the U.S. Glen and his wife, Kolette, make their home in Albuquerque, N. M.

## Making Families

For over 25 years, **Beverly Hampton Klotz '70** has been in the business of making families in the "best job in the world" — an adoption social worker.

Although she has placed hundreds of babies with adoptive families over the years, three adoptions have been very special; those were the three children she placed with **Bill Campbell '79** and his wife Debbie.

Bev is the regional director of The Children's Home Society of New Jersey, a private non-profit child welfare agency. She handles an 11-county area and works as much with birth mothers, fathers and established adoptive families as well as with couples who want to adopt.

"My very interest in adoption grew out of a long-term relationship with a Lycoming classmate who had been adopted as a toddler," says Bev.

Bev discovered that Bill Campbell was a fellow Lycoming alum during the initial interview process. "They are a wonderful family," says Bev. "But families that apply for adoption," she adds, "tend to be 'the best of the best.'"



"Aunt" Bev stands behind the Campbell family (left to right): Dillon, Debbie, Erica, Bill and Kyle

In December of 1991, the Campbells adopted Erica, a 2 1/2 year old toddler, and in 1994, when they were ready for a second child, they returned to the agency to adopt 11-month old Kyle, a special needs baby. When later that year, Kyle's natural brother, 4-month-old Dillon, was released for adoption, Bev called the Campbells and Dillon became their bonus baby.

The Campbells consider Bev a member of the family and Bev visits regularly. All three children are doing very well.

The supply of healthy white American babies available for adoption has

dwindled over the years, Bev comments. Twenty years ago, Bev might place 100 white American babies.

Today, she may place only two dozen in the course of a year. However, the number of babies with special needs—needs that may vary from Down Syndrome to crack addiction—has increased. There's also a terrible dearth of families for minority babies. Increasingly, families are

adopting from other countries such as Bulgaria, Russia, and China which Bev's agency can also handle.

Bev earned her Master of Social Work degree with honors from Marywood University, graduating first in her class. She was recognized last year by the Child Welfare League of America for "her commitment, dedication and contributions in behalf of children, youths, and their families. She and her husband, John, manager of an employee training agency, have two adult daughters who happen to be — biological.



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**Yvonne Bernosky Staskel** (Biology) has been appointed Director, Clinical Services of The Good Samaritan Hospital, Lebanon, Pa. As Director, she is responsible for operations of Diagnostic Radiology, Nuclear Medicine, Ultrasound, CAT Scan, Mammography, Clinical Laboratory, Blood Bank, Respiratory Care, and the Pharmacy. Yvonne recently completed her MBA degree at Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pa. She resides outside of Reading, Pa., with her husband, Gerry, and daughter, Amber.

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**Mike Caffrey** (Biology) has been promoted to executive vice president, senior loan officer at Northern Central Bank. He is responsible for the bank's credit policy and commercial lending overview of all markets. Mike, his wife, Bonnie, and their two children live in Montgomery, Pa.

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**Rebecca Foster** (History) is Assistant Director of External Relations for the College of Liberal Arts at Oregon State University. Her duties include fundraising, public relations, marketing, and alumni/donor relations. She is on the board of directors for the Corvallis Arts Center and is a member of the OSU Childcare

Advisory Board. Rebecca resides in Corvallis, Ore. with her husband, Bob Weisenberger, and sons, Vonn and Ryne.

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**Joe Hoffman** (Accounting) has recently been promoted to Senior Vice President-Chief Financial Officer for the Upper Chesapeake Health System in Fallston, Md. Joe resides in Landenberg, Pa.

**James Finkler** (History) is working as an admissions representative for Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport. His duties include admission of international students and recruiting new students in northeastern and parts of north central and central Pa. Jim and his wife, Noreen, live in Hughesville, Pa.

**Marianne Ferrara** (Economics) is employed by Educational Testing Service in Princeton, N.J., as a System's Analyst. She and her husband, Mark Kempisty, reside in Richboro, Pa., with their children, Domencia and Martin.

**Carlton Johnson** (Astronomy) is living in Baltimore, Md. and working for Marriott Hotels. He is also Adult Education astronomy classes in the evenings.

At home in Fort Worth, Texas, are **Gail Steckler** (Biology) and her husband, Wallace Harrison, who are managing twins Cameron Ryan and Erin Nicole, born March 25, 1997.

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## Bert Grimes '84 Creates Travel Website

Until three years, **Bertha (Steelman) Grimes '84**, knew little about the Internet or even much about computers. She has been in Human Services for the past 15 years and is currently serving as Personnel Coordinator for Community Services Group, an organization that provides services for mental retardation and mental health patients.

In 1996 she and her husband, Bill Hall, joined two other partners based in Lancaster and the Poconos to put together a website business.

"I like to travel," says Grimes. She had used the Internet to search for travel attractions, hotels, and restaurants, and had been frustrated by the organization of various sites. She felt she and her partners could build a better website.

Together they have developed the largest Pennsylvania Visitors Guide on the Internet.

"I have watched our company grow into a massive directory that is well

organized and covers all 67 counties," Bert e-mails.

The main distinction between Pennsylvania Visitors Network and similar directories is that PVN helps attractions market themselves on the web.

The key is accessibility — making sure that each client's website is accessible from hundreds and even thousands of links. Right now, the PVG has 16,000 links to it. All of their clients are included in 250+ search engines.

The listings are free to any tourist-related business in Pennsylvania, which gives the network credibility. PVG's clients, of course, get expanded sites—usually 5 pages—based on a one-time annual fee.

"Our target client is the little guy who doesn't want to spend a lot on advertising, but wants to get a good return for their money," says Bert.

Bert can be found at bgrimes@carlink.net. The Pennsylvania Visitors Network's url: <http://www.pavisnet.com>.

**John Betz** (Accounting) and his wife, Anne, own ten retail stores in the Philadelphia area consisting of Auntie Anne's Hand-Rolled Pretzels, Kohr Brother's Frozen Custard and Johnson's Popcorn. John, Anne and their two sons live in Media, Pa.

**John Callanan** (History) is currently employed as the Hospice Chaplain for Atlantic Homecare and Hospice in Milburn, N.J. John and his wife, Ellen (Talbert) '83, reside in Dover, N.J.

**Leah (Kuhn) Miller** (Business Administration) is currently working as Manager of Client Accounting for GENEX Services, Inc. a managed care company. She is also directing the Joyful Noise children's choir at her church. Leah resides in Hatboro, Pa., with her husband, Larry, and two children, Courtney and Justin.

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**Dawn Dezii** (History) was recently named a partner in the law firm of Margolis Edelstein. When not practicing law, she can be found big game sportfishing aboard her boat, "A Salt Weapon". Dawn and her husband, Dominic Garofolo, reside in Oaklyn, N.J., with their Rottweiler, Ava.

**Maryellen (Butera) Just** (English) is a psychiatric social worker for Middlesex County. Her husband, **Craig Just** (Computer Science), is a partner with Consilience, a

consulting services company. They are both involved with two bands and play "gigs" throughout the Garden State where they make their home in Milburn.

**Mark (Bob) Bryan** (History) owns his own business in which he is a freelancer and designs power of purchase. His wife, **Jacklyn (Monroe)**, (Psychology) is a full-time mom. They live in Upper Saddle River, N.J., with their children, Haley and James.

**Meg (DeBianco)** (Business) and **John Ernst** (Communications) are living in Doylestown, Pa., with their sons, Danny and Kevin. Meg is an independent bookkeeper and Ernie is in kitchen design and sales for Superior Woodcraft.

**Leslie (Ohrtman)** (Communications) and her husband, **Mike Russo '84**, vacationed this summer in the outerbanks of North Carolina with fellow Lycoming alumni **Pat (McDonald) '84** and **Perry Valentine '83**, Sue and **Mike Burd '82**, Linda and **Dave Bartges '82** and a combined total of 12 children. Now that is togetherness!!

**Karen (Kolodzie)** (Business Admin.) and her husband, John, co-founded and operate Glendale Communication. They live in Long Valley, N.J. with their 5-year-old son, Ryan.

**Susan (Leone) Ownes** (Political Science) is living on Long Island with her husband, Scott, who is VP of Risk Management for Chase Manhattan Bank, and children, Kaitlin, Michael, and Matthew.

**Kim (Loughridge) Meeth** (English) enjoyed her summer off with her two sons, John and Justin. She is

a fourth grade teacher in Netcong, N.J.

**Doug Newman** (History) is the owner of an electrical business. In his spare time he coaches baseball, basketball and football. He and his wife, Terry, a dietitian, reside in Brielle, N.J. with their children, Brad and Chelsea.

**Patty (Patierno) Vadinsky** (Spanish) is business office manager for Sonoma Care and Rehabilitation in Sonoma. She resides in Petaluma, Calif.

**Patty (Ryan) Vignola** (Communications) is a marketing manager with AT&T. She resides in Fanwood, N.J. with her husband, Michael, and two sons, Michael and Matthew.

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**Robert Schauf** (Communications) is currently Advertising and Operations Director of Pittsburgh Golden Times, Inc. His wife, Patricia (Bell) '86, is employed at UPMC as a Lab Technician. The Schaufs reside in Pittsburgh.

**Michele (Seibert) Crowley** is working as a job placement coordinator for Norrell Services. She resides in Clarks Summit, Pa., with her husband and four daughters.

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**Bill Brandt** (Criminal Justice) has accepted a position with Blue Cross of Northeastern Pennsylvania. Bill resides in Kingston, Pa.

**Janet (Piraino) Claufelter** is working as a graphic artist for the *Press-Enterprise* Newspaper in Bloomsburg, Pa., where she resides with her husband and two-year-old daughter, Courtney.

**David A. Dunhar** (Biology) received his PhD. in Molecular Biology at Lehigh University in 1995. He and his wife Maureen reside in New Haven, Conn.

**Tim Myers** (Accounting) recently accepted the position of VP of Finance for New Life Management and Development, Inc. in Mount Laurel, N.J. Tim makes his home in Shamong, N.J., with his wife **Wendy (Park) '89**, and two children.

**Jahna Hawkins** (English) is teaching English in the Palm Springs Unified School District in Palm Springs, Calif. She teaches Freshman and Senior College Prep. English at Cathedral City High School and also serves as Freshman Class Advisor. Jahna currently lives in Palm Springs.

**Tania Slawewski** (Physics) left her job as a physical scientist at the Center for Neutron Research at the National Institute of Standards and Technology to join the staff of Penn State's interdisciplinary Center for Sustainability where she will assist in the development of a demonstration site for biointensive mini-farming and ecologically sustainable design and building practices. She will also begin studies in holistic nutrition and naturopathy.



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**Amy (Bjornsen) Solaja** (Nursing) was recently promoted to Diabetes Product Line manager for the Richmond Market. She resides in Midlothian, Va. with her husband, Dan, and their daughter, Ann Marie.

**Roger Hohne** (Business Administration) is a broker at a Risk Management Brokerage called "Frank Crystal & Co." located in New York City. He sides in Mountain Lakes, N.J., with his wife, Lisa, and their one year old daughter, Zoe Joy.

**Roger Mowery** (History) is teaching social studies at Central Columbia High School in Bloomsburg, Pa. He also coaches basketball and baseball.

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**Debra Brown** (Nursing) is self-employed in private practice as a nurse practitioner in Warsaw, N.Y. She resides in Caledonia, N.Y.

**Yvonne (Harley) Lehman** (Business/Economics) is the VP of RayMark Broadcasting Co. Inc., a group of family-owned radio stations in west central Pa. She resides in Clearfield, Pa., with her husband, Fred, and daughter, Jordan.



Yvonne Lehman

**Bob Maietta** (Economics) is Manager of Investor

Services with David Vaughan Investments, Inc. in Peoria, IL. The position at DVI focuses on portfolio management of no-load mutual funds.

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**Bruce Davis** (Economics) is a Financial Advisor for Prudential Securities, Inc. in Englewood, CO. He and his wife Wendy reside in Conifer, CO.

**Karen (Leibman) Gayton** (English) is teaching ninth and tenth grade English at Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre, Pa, where she also coaches girl's and boy's volleyball. Karen and her husband, Robert, reside in Wilkes-Barre.

**Maria (Pizzella) Haslin** (English/History) received her master's degree in education from East Stroudsburg University in May of 1996. She is currently working as part of the management team of Liberty Business Information, a market research company. Maria and her husband, George, make their home in Wilkes Barre, Pa.

**Nancy Marple** (Communications) has accepted a position with Peirce Junior College in Philadelphia as their communications coordinator. She is also an adjunct professor with the college's accelerated degree program and teaches Introduction to Management and Introduction to Marketing. Nancy lives in Pitman, N.J.

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**Class Scribe: Julie Makatche**, 1157 Kelfield Dr., Arbutus MD 21227 (410) 536-9966 (h)

**Amy Atkinson** (Nursing) is now a board-certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner. She obtained her Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland at Baltimore in December 1997.

**Nancy Dech** (Biology/Chemistry) has earned her Master of Medical Biochemistry from Hahnemann University, Philadelphia, Pa., in August 1995. She had worked for two years with the American Red Cross Blood Services in the Penn-Jersey region. She is currently a chemist at Merck Research Laboratories, West Point, Pa.

**Michael P. Klees** (Accounting) was named as a 1998 member of the International Who's Who of Professionals. He is also a member of the Technology Committee of the Construction Financial Management

Association (CFMA). He resides in Riverside with his wife.

Congrats to **Sharon (Ryall) Varricchione** (Art) and **Jeff Bogosian** (Business)-both finished seven-mile Falmouth (Cape Cod) Road Race in August '97. Both also managed to finish in the top twenty of their age group!

And the winner is.....**Dan Reilly** (Communications) who received an Emmy from the National Association of Television Arts and Sciences for work on a three-part series on fire safety. Dan works for WHTM-TV in Harrisburg, Pa. as a photojournalist.

**Brian G. Poppe** (Communications) is a senior designer at Wiggan Design, Inc., a marketing communications company. He performs client service functions and will collaborate with the director on advertising and print campaigns. He also holds project implementation responsibilities at the Internet design division of the firm. Brian resides in Westport, Conn.



Cheers! Sharon Ryall Varricchione and Jeff Bogosian finish the Falmouth (Mass.) Road Race!

**Liz Sutliff** (Philosophy) was elected Secretary of the Lycoming County Democratic Committee in Williamsport, Pa., in June of 1998. She is chair of the voter registration sub-committee. Liz practices law in Williamsport, where she resides.

**Steven A. Strunk** (Accounting) is an accountant at High Concrete Structures, Inc. He is responsible for the preparation of financial statements and other accounting reports in support of the companies precast concrete operation. High Industries is a Lancaster-based company providing high quality products and services in steel fabrication and distribution.

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**Jennifer Cella** (Biology) received her Master of Library Science from Clarion University of Pennsylvania in December 1997. She is now assistant librarian of Access Services Librarian at Tulane University in New Orleans, La. She is currently residing in Metairie, La. and her E-mail address is jcella@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu.

**Alison (Greenberg) Plessinger** (Communications) is on the faculty of the College of Communications at Penn State in University Park. She completing her Ph.D. Alison resides in State College with her husband.

**Kurt Schneck** (English) is teaching eighth and ninth grade English at Mount Carmel Area School District where he also enjoys coaching wrestling.

### David Troutman

(Biology) recently received the degree of Doctor of Podiatric Medicine from the Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. He will begin a residency program at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Lebanon, Pa. David resides in Mount Carmel, Pa.

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**Andrew Weaver** (Philosophy) received the Master of Divinity Degree from The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. During his time at the seminary, Weaver, an accomplished musician, developed a ministry featuring magic and was a founding member of the seminary musical group, "Cloud of Witnesses." Andrew and his wife, Meghan, reside in Philadelphia.

Hats off to **Liz Clark** (History) who won an honorable mention in the annual poetry and fiction contest by the Atlantic Monthly. Liz is completing her doctorate at SUNY-Binghamton.

**Sandy Wengert** (Nursing) has received her M.A. in Child and Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania. She is currently working at the Lancaster General Hospital on the child and adolescent unit. Sandy resides in Lancaster, Pa.

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**Mary Bonner** (Sociology) moved to Seattle, Wash. in 1996 as a Jesuit volunteer. After her year was up she decided to stay and continue her work with a community called L'Arche, which is a neighborhood for people with developmental disabilities. The mission of the community is to create a home for these individuals and share in their lives.

**Julie Bowen** (English/Psychology) is currently enrolled at the University of Scranton working on her master's in English and participating in Army ROTC. She received a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in May '98.

Julie was recently inducted into "Who's Who among American College Students."

**Andrew Cordes** (Political Science) and **Denise (Benson) Cordes** (Philosophy) have begun first year studies at The Dickinson School of Law of The Pennsylvania State University.

**Jeff Hollenbach** (Accounting) has been promoted to Assistant Manager at First National Trust Bank in Selinsgrove, Pa. where he resides with his wife, Jennifer.



Rev. Andy Weaver

### Robert Klumpp

(Political Science) recently moved to Kingman, Ariz. He has accepted a position as a Mortgage Specialist for Banc One Financial.

**Bob Martin** (Political Science) is a Fund-raising Director for the Middlesex County Democratic Organization. Bob recently gave a speech on "Campaign Fundraising" at a New Jersey Democratic State Committee, Central Jersey training conference. Bob lives in Bloomfield, N.J.

**Jennifer McCarthy** (Art) will begin teaching Art education in a private inner-city school in N.J. She is also working on her master's degree in education at Monclair State University. Jennifer resides in Livingston, N.J.

**Kristin Nash** (Political Science) is currently working for Pennsylvania Governor Thomas Ridge as Head Scheduler. She recently gave a speech on scheduling at the National Governors Association Scheduler's meeting in Florida. Kristin resides in Harrisburg, P.A.

**Bridget Thomas** (Criminal Justice/Psychology) is with the State of Florida as a Child Abuse Investigator. She is also attending graduate school at the University of South Florida for her master's degree in school psychology. Bridget resides in Tampa, Fla.



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**Julie Emmett** (Psychology) graduated in May '98 from the Marriage and Family Therapy Master Program at Indiana State University. She works at Lutheran Children and Family Services in Philadelphia. Julie resides in Willow Grove, Pa.

**Bradford Hartin** (English) has been named assistant director of annual giving at Western Maryland College. Hartin's responsibilities will include managing the College's Senior Pride campaign and directing the Annual Fund Phone Center and the Class Agent Volunteer program. While at Lycoming, he was alumni and philanthropy director for the Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity.



**David Meadows** (Economics) has accepted an associate position with the law firm of Powell, Goldstein, Frazer & Murphy in Atlanta, Ga. David and his wife, Maureen, graduate from Vanderbilt University School of Law on May 14, 1999.

**Debbie Neidig** (Nursing) has been appointed coordinator of Sunrise Terrace at the Valley View Nursing Center

in Montoursville, Pa. She supervises and coordinating the care of residents with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Debbie resides in Montgomery, Pa.

**Cara M. Nicolini** (Psychology) graduated in May '98 from Seton Hall University with a master's in psychology. She is currently enrolled in a post-master's program for an Educational Specialist degree for certification as a school psychologist. Cara has been employed by a mental health clinic since graduation from Lycoming, working with psychiatric patients. She resides in Sparta, N.J.

**Jason S. Snyder** (Communications) is an Operations Coordinator for RPS in Harrisburg, Pa. He is responsible for setting up new operations and for training new coordinators.

**Melissa G. Shoemaker** (Nursing) is currently working for the Midd-West School District, Middleburg, Pa. She is responsible for K-6th grades at two elementary schools. Melissa resides in Alburtis, Pa.

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In California is **Mike Bracken** (Communications) who is working with the University of Southern California as head videographer for football and basketball. His fiancée, **Dawn Mann '98**, is employed as a graphic designer for Tooley and Co. Mike and Dawn are residing in Los Angeles, Calif. A July 1999 wedding date is being planned.

**Bill House** (Biology) has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station,

Wellsboro, Pa. He reported to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. in January for basic training.

**Kimberly Lorus** (Art) is a second grade teacher in Mahwah, N.J. and pursuing graduate studies in education at Forham University in New York City.

**Mike Wiltshire** (Communications) is working as a production assistant for Steven Spielberg at Dreamworks SKG Studios in Hollywood, Calif. Mike resides in Los Angeles, Calif.

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**Matthew Beish** is attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary in Mass. He'll be studying for his Master of Divinity. During the summer following graduation, he was the director for a Clearfield County youth ministries outreach team.

**Krista Poppe** is studying for her master's degree at Montclair State University in N.J. She has also been selected for a paid assistantship with the university.

**Jennica Musselman** is in graduate school at New York University and has relocated to Rutherford, N.J., while Kelly Norton is attending the Pennsylvania State University's Dickinson School of Law. Christa Zimmerman is in grad school at Alfred University in Alfred, N.Y.

**Chip Edmonds** has stayed with Lycoming College as an admissions counselor. He has also remained active in

the college's summer theatre productions and currently lives in Williamsport.

**Meg Oster** has relocated to Lakeview, N.Y. and is employed with Bush Industries, Inc. (Jamestown, N.Y.). She is a financial analyst with the company, which requires frequently travels to and extended stays in Germany.

**Louise Gaydon** (Nursing) passed her nursing boards and is working at a hospital in Lancaster. **Dana Dinger** is an administrative assistant with the Williamsport-based company SupplySource, Inc., and has relocated to Williamsport. **Christy L. Smoyer** (Nursing) is employed at Manatawy Manor in Pottstown, Pa. as an RN. **Toni Gerhart** is working for the Lancaster Clipper newspaper in her hometown.

**Tina Bennett** (Mathematics) is working at Conrad M. Siegel, Inc. (Actuaries/Benefits) in Harrisburg, Pa.

In Washington D.C., **Joe Longobardo** (Political Science) is studying law at American University for his law degree. During the summer of 1998, he was employed with the United States Justice Department. **Brenda Bowser** (Communication) is on the hill as a legislative correspondent for Republican United States Senator Olympia J. Snowe. She is living in the D.C. suburb of Silver Spring, Md.

In New York City are **Liz Gruse** (Communication) working for an ad agency and **Christina Wilson** (Communication) working for CBS. **Matt Wolf** (Communication) is working for *Time* and **Tiffany Blaski** (Communication) is in grad school at New York University.

**E. Jean Antes '40** and **William Pelley**, December 6, 1997, at St. Mary's of the Mountains, in Wilmington, Vt. They are residing in Ridgewood, N.J.

**Susan Russell-Hargreaves '61** and **C. Richard Gray**, February 14, 1998, in Gig Harbor, Wash.

**Kathleen R. Kelly '74** and **James O. Watson**, September 7, 1997, in York, Pa.

**Adele LaSalle '75** and **Glenn Paul Zeltman**, December 21, 1997, in Forestville, N.Y.

**Patricia Sharpley '77** and **Timothy A. Dilley**, April 18, 1998, in Alexandria, Va.

**Denise L. Babcock '82** and **Wayne Macafee**, May 16, 1998, in Sayre, Pa. Bridesmaids included **Lynda (Dauernheim) Cianfaro '82** and **Shari (Beck) Huber '82**. **Steve Wolcott '87** was an usher.

**Susan Baloutine '82** and **Craig David Thorne**, October 11, 1997 in Mahwah, N.J.

**Laura Michelle Day** and **David A. Caryle '85**, February 4, 1997.

**Louise M. Kessel '86** and **Timothy L. McCann**, May 17, 1997, in Matawan, N.J.

**Pamela S. Habig '87** and **George E. Minckler III**, September 20, 1997 in Middletown, Pa. Bridal attendees included **Ruth Anne (Butz) Barnard '87**.

**Karen L. Rank** and **William W. Yeagle '88** on June 20, 1998, in Montgomery, Pa. Attendants included **Dori (Yeagle) Ludwig '84** and **Dale Ludwig '80**.

**Kristine J. Confer '89** and **James W. Wacker**, June 13, 1998, in Williamsport, Pa. Matron of honor was **Debbie (Eakin) Sherlinski '90**. Attendants included **Christine (Mahoney) Hartung '89** and **Pamela (Schmoyer) Wildonger '89**.

**Rebeckah A. Green** and **T. Michael Hall '89**, March 3, 1998, in Puerto Rico. **T. Max Hall III '88** was best man.

**Michelle L. Wright** and **Kirk J. Bower '89**, June 20, 1998, in Muncy, Pa.

**Heidi E. Meakin '90** and **James T. Lind**, October 24, 1997, in Sparta, N.J. Maid of honor was **Kathleen Ely '91**.

**Amy L. Buffenmeyer '91** and **Dale H. Weik, Jr.**, May 16, 1998, in Schaefferstown, Pa.

**ILT Bruce E. Davis, Jr '91** and **Wendy Marie Taylor**, August 30, 1997, in Conifer, Colo.

**Karen M. Leibman '91** and **Robert J. Gayton, Jr.**, June 21, 1997, in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Bridal attendees included **Maria (Pizzella) Haslin '91**, **Debra Reed '91** and **Tanya (LeVan) Dyroff '91**.

**Fay Shore** and **Craig M. Gordon '91**, May 1997, in Richmond, Va.

**Michelle Ciaglia** and **Steven J. McGuinness '91**, October 18, 1997, in Keyport, N.J. Ushers were **Kenneth Bohn '91** and **Stephen Abdo '90**.

**Jean Ann Kehoe '91** and **Daniel Mullins**, May 31, 1997, in Garden City, N.Y.



*Sharon E. Ryall '92 and Marc Varricchione*

**Mary Catherine Hogan** and **Timothy Paternostro '91**, October 4, 1997, in Bloomsburg, P.A.

**Sharon E. Ryall '92** and **Marc Varricchione**, November 1, 1997 in Mansfield, Mass.

**Kerri Lynn Bloom '92** and **John Edward Frick '92**, November 22, 1997, in Williamsport, Pa. Attendees included **Carolyn Blatchley '92**, **Stephanie (Bloom) Sylvester '94**, and **Mark J. Ohlinger '92**.

**Patricia Dornisch '92** and **Joseph G. Harker**, August 2, 1997, in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Attendees included **Suzi Deininger '94** and **Kristin Nash '95**. Groomsmen included **Joseph P. Linnehan '94**.

**Daniel J. Greenberg '92** and **Mary Funk**, June 20, 1998, in Huntingdon Valley, Pa. **William Small '92** served as an usher.

**Rachel C. Breen '93** and **Adam Shea**, July 27, 1997. **Jenny Terhune '93** served as bridesmaid.

**Kathleen DeMoss '93** and **Scott Waller**, April 5, 1997, in Carlisle, Pa.

**Alison Ann Greenberg '93** and **Eric S. Plessinger**, June 27, 1998, in Camp Hill, Pa. **J. Elizabeth Clark '94** was maid of honor and Reverend **Marco Hunsberger** officiated the ceremony.

**Christine Wagner '93** and **William Guyer '94**, November 22, 1997, in Harrisburg, Pa. Attendees included **Andrea Pickles '93**, **Bonnie Steinbacher '93**, and **Kelly Shaner '96**.

**Kendra L. Green '93** and **William J. Meredith**, September 20, 1997, in Montoursville, Pa.

**Meredith L. Konight '93** and **Edward F. Hoff**, May 30, 1998, in N.J.

**Christine Workinger** and **Shawn Ream '93**, May 23, 1998, in Lewisburg, Pa.

**Tammy Michelle Schreffler** and **Brian Jason Sempko '94**, October 11, 1997 in Trevorton, Pa. **Keith McCarthy '94** served as an usher.

**Tara Liesko '94** and **Roger Crebs '87**, June 7, 1997 in the College's Clarke Chapel, Williamsport, Pa. Attendees included **Elizabeth Carnicelli '93**, **Michele Wawroski '94**, **Christine Corrison '95** and **Kellie O'Connor '96**.

**Krista A. Sharrett '94** and **Barry Daniskas**, February 22, 1998, in Fanwood, N.J. **Brook Bower '95** served as bridesmaid.





*Tara Liesko and Roger Crebs wedding. Back row (center) is Roger. Front row: Michele Wawroski '94, Liz Carmiceli '93, Tara, Jen Kinsley, Kellie O'Connor '96, and Christine Corrison '95. Emily and Sarah Lindemuth were the flower girls.*

**Heather Lynn Utt '94** and **Bruce Eugene Wevodau '94**, November 22, 1997, in Mifflinville, Pa. **Vincent Giglotti '94** served as an usher.

**Sharon Bychkowski '95** and **Robert M. Shull '96**, October 4, 1997. Attendees included **Maria Graziano '95** and **Trisha Palmer '96**.

**Teresa R. Cutter '95** and **Matthew J. Young '94**, May 24, 1998, in Collegeville, Pa. **Meghan Paciellio '96** was maid of honor and **Kristin Nash '95** was a bridesmaid.

**Andrea C. Girio '95** and **Kevin E. Weinholfer**, October 25, 1997, in South Williamsport, Pa.

**Susan E. Hill '95** and **Randy Scheib** were married recently in Oxford, Ohio. Attendees included **Ann Hartnett '95**, **Karleen Carter '95**, and **Amber Harp '96**.

**Amy Lynn Sanders** and **Thomas David Peifer '95**, October 1997, in Etters, Pa. **Tom Keppel '95** was a groomsman.

**Julia A. Sheets '95** and **Scott Moore**, September 19, 1998, in Harrisburg, Pa.

**Deborah Lynn Lingle** and **Travis C. Shrey '95**, October 25, 1997, in Williamsport, Pa.

**Stephanie E. Smith '95** and **Erick C. Fortin '94**, May 16, 1998, in Williamsport, Pa. Bridesmaids included **Jennifer Schmidt '95**, **Lenore Seasholtz '94** and **Jennifer Cella '93**. **David Fortin, Jr. '94**, **Brian Marshall '95** and **Patrick Fortin '97** were groomsmen. **Steven Tosi '95** and **Terra Delker '96** were vocalists.

**Rebecca A. Winter '95** and **Floyd R. Swales**, May 10, 1997, in Muncy, Pa.

**Jennifer Leah Herrold** and **Christopher Alan Whitmer '95**, October 11, 1997, in Sunbury, Pa. **Garisanne Derr '95** served as bridesmaid. **Kenneth O'Connor '94** and **Adam Drake '96** were groomsmen.

**Tara Michelle Brahms '96** and **Matthew Harnly** renewed their vows on October 11, 1997, in a formal

ceremony at the Naval Inventory Control Point Officer's Club, Hampden Twp. **Dawn Dlugie '96** served as maid of honor. **Heather Brown-McCaslin '97** as matron of honor and **Shannon Boland '98** as bridesmaid.

**Amy L. Dills '96** and **Brian K. Shomper**, May 22, 1998, in Carlisle, Pa.

**Stacy L. Fremberg '96** and **Mark D. Barner '97**, July 4, 1997, in Lock Haven, Pa.

**Justine L. Girardi '96** and **Alcides J. Cruz '96**, July 11, 1998, in Williamsport, Pa. The bridal party included **Catherine (Girardi) Hanner '83**, matron of honor. **Jennifer DeSanto '95**, maid of honor, **Janel Brown '68**, bridesmaid and **Jerry Girardi '86** was an usher.

**Rebecca J. Heyd '96** and **Mark R. Boudreau**, September 29, 1997, in Montgomery, Pa.

**Amy Katherine Hippensteel '96** and **Matthew S. McGovern '96**, October 4, 1997, in Mechanicsburg, Pa.

**Nichole K. Libby '96** and **Matthew W. Machmer**, May 9, 1998, in Canton, Pa.

**Maureen Eagle** and **David J. Meadows '96**, August 16, 1997, in Gaithersburg, Md.

**Jill Ann Oakes '96** and **James Francis Emerick**, April 4, 1998, in Clarion, Pa. **Allison Rupert '97** served as maid of honor and **Amanda Hicks '97** as bridesmaid.

**Barbara R. Reichart '96** and **Chad C. Trout**, May 16, 1998, in Hanover, Pa.

**Carrie L. Smith '92** was maid of honor and **Deanna L. Barthlow '96** was bridesmaid.

**Melissa G. Shoemaker '96** and **William L. Bechtel, Jr.**, May 16, 1998, in Lewisburg, Pa. **Ann Murray '88** was a bridesmaid.

**Annette M. Weller '96** and **Timothy M. Kinney '94**, October 4, 1997, in Winfield, Pa.

**Amy L. Barrick '97** and **Edward J. Rogers**, August 23, 1997, in Harrisburg, Pa. Attendees included **Holly Hurlbert '97** and **Karen Harman '97**.

**Tina M. Dougherty '97** and **George A. Phillips, Jr.**, November 8, 1997, in Mohrsville, Pa.

**Melanie Ann Engle '97** and **Jeffrey Michael Stone**, August 16, 1997, in State College, Pa. **Penny Devore '96** served as maid of honor.

**Nicole R. Ferlisi '97** and **Bryan D. Firth '95**, December 6, 1997, in Annandale, N.J. Bridesmaids included **Kristin Kocher '97**, **Elena Porchia '97**, and **Alison Smith '97**. **Holly Hiergeist '98** did a



*Bryan and Nicole Firth*

reading during the ceremony. Groomsmen included **Darren Ferlisi '96**, **Ron Augst, Jr. '96** and **Jason Stamm '95**.

**Susan K. Hammacher '97** and **Ryan K. Wenzler '97**, April 18, 1998, in Hummelstown, Pa.

**Tami A. Hull '97** and **David M. Wunder '96**, July 12, 1997, in Langhorne, Pa.

Michelle Alexis Shartle and **Cory Wayne Johnson '97**, November 22, 1997, in Camp Hill, Pa.

**Elaine Onalee Modesto '97** and Matthew George Dewald, November 15, 1997, in Danville, Pa.

**Rebecca Rae Murphy '97** and Jason Charles Phillips, October 11, 1997, in Montoursville, Pa.

**Erin Beth Page '97** and Lt. Kyle Justin Werking, November 8, 1997, in the Cadet Chapel, U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. **Emily Wagner '97** served as bridesmaid.

**Angela Marie Ranck '97** and Joseph Emerick, September 13, 1997, in Williamsport, Pa.

Betty Jo Middemacht and **Andrew Earl Kline '97**, July 12, 1997, in Rooke Chapel, Bucknell University.

**Julie R. Harris '99** and **Charles F. Fote III, '98**, June 20, 1998, in Williamsport, Pa. **Melanie (Harris) Taormina '94** was a matron of honor.

A son, Reed Walker, to Susan P. and **Jeffrey B. Balentine '77**, November 21, 1997.

A son, Bradley David, to **Carol (Sofman) '78** and Gregory Neal, November 15, 1997.

A son, Harrison Christopher, to **Gretchen (Booth) '78** and Chris Morris, December 24, 1997. He joins a sister, Alexandra, at home.

A daughter, Carly Jo, to Christine and **Richard A. Burd '81**, August 2, 1997. She joins sisters Ashlee, Lauren, and Jenna, and brother Ryan.

A son, Daniel John, to **Laura (Lucas) '80** and Daniel Ragone, January 9, 1998. He joins a sister, Lauryn Patricia, at home.

A son, Griffin, to **Karen (Griesel) '82** and Curtis Miller, February 26, 1998. He joins a sister, Cassandra, at home.

A daughter, Caroline Sperry, to **Nancy (Shenise) '82** and Thomas Maynard, April 4, 1997. She joins a brother, Kyle Thomas.

A son, James Michael, to **Leslie (Ohrman) '85** and **Michael Russo '83**, August 17, 1997. He joins his sisters, Sarah, age 5, and Rebecca, age 4.

A son, Kevin Andrew, to Jacqueline M. and **Michael D. Basch '84**, August 10, 1998. He joins a sister, Jennifer and a brother Christopher at home.

A daughter, MacKenzie Emily, to **Patricia (McDonald) '84** and Perry

**Valentine '83**, March 28, 1998. She joins Colin, Megan and Patrick at home.

A son, Timothy Francis, to **Josephine (Elia) '84** and **Dr. Peter C. Smith '84**, August 11, 1997. He joins brothers Peter, James, and a sister Raffaella.

A son, Matthew Joseph, to **Patricia (Stundon) '84** and James Murray, September 18, 1997.

A daughter, Nicole Anne, to **Christine (Albergo) '85** and Michael Bega, August 23, 1995. She joins her brother Ryan Jennings at home.

A son, Brett Daniel, to **Martha (Amato) '85** and **Marc G. Kramer '83**, February 22, 1998. He joins a sister Cara at home.

A son, Matthew William, to **Patricia (Ryan) '85** and Michael Vignola, August 5, 1998. He joins his brother, Michael Ryan, age 3.

A daughter, Abigail Bailey, to **Patricia (Bell) '86**, and Robert Schauf, November 1996. She joins a five-year-old sister Emma Lee at home.

A son, Trevor Glenn, to **Tammy (Rhinehart) '86** and Kenneth Strayer, March 18, 1998. He joins brothers Jared and Wesley.

A daughter, Emily, to **Michele (Seibert) '86** and Francis Crowley, July 1, 1998. She joins her sisters, Kate, Diana and Sara.

A daughter, Deidre Maureen, to **Maureen (Knorr) '87** and Tim Hennessey, May 3, 1998. She joins her brother, Harrison, age 6.

A daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, to **Alicia (Arveson) '88** and John Salmon, February 19, 1998. She joins a sister, Hanna Alyssa, age 3.

A son, Andrew Parker, to Laura Michelle and **David A. Carlyle '88**, August 29, 1997.

A daughter, Ann Marie, to **Amy (Bjornsen) '88** and Dan Solaja, June 9, 1997.

A son, Patrick William, to **Denise (DeMary) '88** and **Patrick L. Bottazzi, Jr. '88**, June 1, 1998. He joins a four year old sister, Alexandria at home.

A daughter, Katelyn Elizabeth, to **Krisann (Fiestner) '88** and **Dr. Anthony R. Harlacher '87**, April 1, 1998. She joins a sister Alyssa Elaine at home.

A son, Alexander Edward, to **Julie (Hottle) '88** and Edward Day, June 7, 1998.

A daughter, Marisa Lela, to **Nicole (Marino) '88**, and **Larry Puderbach '88**, January 1, 1997. He joins a brother, Zachery, at home.

A son, David Michael, to **Elizabeth (Purcell) '88**, and William Norton, March 19, 1998. He joins a brother, Kyle James, at home.

A daughter, Lucy Ness, to Deborah Ness and **William L. Woodward '88**, February 19, 1998. She joins her five-year-old brother, William II, at home.

A son, Schuyler Alexander, to **Joyce (Borocz) '89**, and Richard Abbott, April 14, 1998. He joins a brother, Patrick George, at home.





*One, two, three, FOUR! Will, Hunter, Daphne and Jasmine with Colleen and Jeff McClintock*

A daughter, Olivia Gayle, to **Victoria (Onori) '89** and **Charles A. Bowman '87**, October 25, 1997.

A daughter to **Susan (Rubart) '90** and **David W. Barber '90**, September 19, 1997. She joins a sister Megan.

A son, Aaron Thomas, to **Jeannie (Breslin) '91**, and **Thomas Filip**, January 1, 1998.

A daughter, Jordan Elizabeth, to **Gina (Lawruk) '91** and **David Dublin**, March 13, 1998.

A son, Jacob Anthony, to **Mary (Pecchia) '92** and **Jay Manuel**, June 2, 1997.

A daughter, Elizabeth Justine, to **Annette (Bieber) '92** and **Edward Isenberg '92**, September 26, 1997.

A son, Noah Daniel, to **Shana M. (Schlappi) '93** and **Timothy M. Hill '95**, February 24, 1998.

A daughter, Emma Miriam, to **Jenny (Stout) '93** and **Brian Lafty '94**, November 18, 1997.

A son, Chayten Bryce, to **Melinda (Bierly) Gunn '94** and **Todd Gunn**, November 2, 1997.

Quadruplets, two daughters, Jasmine Leigh and Daphne Lynn and two sons, William Jefferson and Hunter James, to **Colleen and Jeff McClintock '94**, August 14, 1998. Jeff's godparents are **Jeanne (Hurley) '74** and **Russ Twigg '74** who know all about multiple births as parents of triplets.

A son, Ian, to **Cassandra (Weigel) '95** and **Justin I Kirchhofer '95**, September 6, 1997.

A son, Matthew Curtis, to **Rebecca (Winter) '95** and **Floyd R. Swales, Jr.**, June 4, 1997.

A son, Gage Valentino, to **Rebekah (Laughlin) '96** and **David Bowser '89**, February 14, 1997.

A daughter, Natalie Irene, to **Lori '96** and **Michael Zicoello**, April 18, 1998.

## 1922

**Verla Cline Kurtz** died June 22, 1998 in Valley View Nursing Center where she had lived since March 1997. She is survived by her daughter, **Pauline Coney** of Montoursville.

## 1924

Word was received of the death of **Edith Blaydon Dubois**, who died December 13, 1997. She is survived by two children.

## Geraldine Hackenberg

**Zacharias** died December 10, 1997 in Luther Crest. She was a former music master at Lycoming College and a private piano teacher. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

## 1925

**Margaret K. Barr** died July 26, 1998 at Sycamore Manor Health Center. She had been a resident of the Williamsport Presbyterian Home for 25 years. She is survived by a niece and nephew.

Word was received of the death of **A. Eugene Hoover**. He is survived by his wife, **Bernice**, and his daughter, **Sally**.

**Elizabeth S. Gleason** died December 6, 1997 in Rose View Manor, Williamsport, Pa. She is survived by her daughter-in-law and three grandchildren.

Word has been received of the death of **Marguerite S. Smyth** who passed away January 28, 1998. She is survived by a son **Thomas** of Ormond Beach, Florida.

## 1930

**Lucille Corson Berkheiser** died January 16, 1998 at home. She retired from Bethlehem Steel after 19 years of service. She is survived by son, stepson and a stepdaughter.

## 1931

**Madeline Wein Hammaker** died May 12, 1998 at the Susquehanna Lutheran Village, Millersburg, Pa.

## 1935

**Jane Belnap Lentz** died June 14, 1998 in Rose View Manor, Williamsport, Pa. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

**Leda M. Whitnack Snyder** died June 6, 1998 at Rose View Manor, Williamsport, PA. She is survived by a son and a granddaughter.

## 1937

**Dr. Howard T. Brinton** died May 4, 1998 at his home in Mechanicsburg, Pa. Among his many recognitions was an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Lycoming in 1958. The College honored him again in 1964 giving him the Outstanding Alumnus Award. He and his wife, the former **Elizabeth McAbee**, served as missionaries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for 24 years. Surviving besides his wife, are a son, **Thomas L. '71** and two daughters, **Carol Tyson**, and **Anne Holton**.

**Dr. Carl L. Gamba** died March 28, 1998 in Aiken SC. Dr. Gamba had a private family practice in Media, Pa for 25 years. He moved to Aiken in 1977. Surviving are his wife **Louise** and four children.

**1939**

**Eleanor K. Case** died August 29, 1998 at Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pa. She is survived by her husband, A. Eugene Case.

**1941**

**Richard S. Enterline** died January 12, 1998. He was a graduate of the former Dickinson Seminary and was a retired attorney in the Ashland area. He is survived by his wife, Ann, son Richard, and daughters, Joann, and **Deborah '76**.

**1942**

**Dr. George S. Poust** died February 14, 1998. He practiced OB and GYN in Lebanon, Pa for 30 years and retired in 1984. Dr. Poust is survived by his wife, Nancy, and three children.

**1943**

**Dorothy Bird Laedlein** died July 26, 1998 in the Valley View Nursing Center where she had lived for about five months. Surviving are her husband, **Dr. Frank H. Laedlein '42**, a daughter and two sons.

**1944**

**Dorothy Marguerite Smith Tompkins** died June 2, 1998 in Manor Care Health Services, Williamsport, Pa. She is survived by two daughters.

**1947**

**Beatrice DeSau Rohm** died August 28, 1998 in Rose View Manor, Williamsport, Pa. She is survived by her brother, **Dr. George T. DeSau, '53** and several stepchildren.

**1948**

**Samuel L. Lindauer** died January 25, 1998 at Manor Care Health Services. He retired from Avco Lycoming after 35 years. He is survived by a daughter, Linda Secules.

**1949**

**Dorothy Cohick Rosenberg** died May 13, 1998 in Bozeman, Mont. Employed as a media specialist by the Montgomery County, Md. school system, she retired in 1979. Surviving are her husband, **Dr. Stanley G. Rosenberg, '50**, and two sons, **Archie '73** and Jeffrey.

**1950**

**Raymond Hayes** died January 22, 1998 at home. He was a retired funeral director and owned and operated Hayes Funeral Home in Houtzdale, Pa. He is survived by a son.

**1951**

**Robert M. Fisher** died November 26, 1997 in Northumberland, Pa. He was former president of Sunbury Beauty and Barber Supply Co. Following his retirement, he was director of tourism for Northumberland County.

Word has been received of the death of James E. Mathers, on August 10, 1997. He is survived by a daughter and son.

**1953**

Word has been received of the death of **Rev. Roland L. Archer** who died June 1997 in N.Y. He is survived by his wife, Virginia and three children.

**Rev. K. Belmont Metzger**

died June 17, 1998 in Rosewood Care Center, Galesburg, Ill. He is survived by his wife, a daughter and two sons.

**1954**

**Joseph L. Gordon** died July 15, 1998 at his home in Lemont, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Louise, one daughter and three sons.

**1955**

**Rev. Robert H. Harvey** died October 16, 1997 in N.J. He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

**1957**

Word has been received of the death of **W. Henry Bowman** in Flagstaff, Ariz. He was employed as stock broker on Wall Street in N.Y.C. Upon retiring, he had owned a ranch in Flagstaff. He is survived by his wife, three children, a brother and sister-in-law **Jane M. Brophy Bowman '57**.

**William W. Shaffer** died April 19, 1998 in Wilmington, N.J. A retired teacher, he taught social studies at Beverly (N.J.) Middle School. Surviving are his wife, **Emily Rosevear Shaffer '56** and three daughters.

**1958**

**Raymond A. Miller** died May 24, 1998 in Egret Cove Center, Fla. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, a son and a daughter.

**Paul R. Wilson** died June 9, 1998 in Lewisburg, Pa. Employed by the Lewisburg School District for 27 years, he retired in 1986 as principal of Lewisburg Middle

School. He is survived by his wife, Elva, and two sons and a daughter.

**1961**

**Joseph E. Poulliott** died March 31, 1998 in the Williamsport Home, Williamsport, Pa. He is survived by his daughter, and two brothers, **James H. Poulliott '60** and **Dr. Jerome W. Poulliott '49**.

**Samuel J. Thompson** died January 23, 1998 after a six month illness. He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter and his mother.

**1963**

**Diane Stebbins Mincolla** died January 16, 1997 at St. Josephs Health Center. She had been a life resident of Baldwinsville. She is survived by her husband, Raymond, a son, daughter, her father, sister and two brothers.

**1964**

**Dalton C. Baird** died December 9, 1997 at home. He is survived by his wife Darlene, two daughters, and a son.

**1966**

**Nancy Singley Resnick** died March 26, 1998 in Annapolis, Md. She was owner/operator of Nancy A. Resnick Landscape Design and also taught courses in landscaping at Anne Arundel Community College. She is survived by her husband, Steven, and a daughter, Emily.

**1968**

**William H. Blomstrom** died November 12, 1997 in Ariz. He is survived by his mother.



**1969**

**Howard F. Chambers** died July 21, 1998 at home. He is survived by his former wife, **Amelia Gehron Chambers '70**, and a daughter Whitney.

**Nancy Peterson Stout** died April 7, 1998 from injuries suffered in a July 15, 1997 car accident. Mrs. Stout was a travel agent employed by Passport to Travel. Surviving are her husband, Ronald of Upper St. Clair, Pa. and her children, John, Jeffrey and Meredith.

**1970**

**Lisbeth Starr Miller Lamb** died December 28, 1997 in Geisinger Medical Hospital, Danville, Pa. She was a teacher in Norfolk, Va. and a licensed psychiatric technician at Napa, Calif. State Psychiatric Hospital for 14 years, retiring last year. She is survived by her parents, C. **Robert '41** and Marilouise Miller, and four sisters.

**1972**

**Charmayne Snauffer Miles** died May 15, 1998 in Berlin, Md. She was preceded in death by her first husband of 36 years, **Richard L. Snauffer, '70**. She is survived by her second husband, Patrick H. Miles, and two daughters.

**1975**

**Virginia Silkworth** died September 12, 1998, at home after an eight-year battle with breast cancer. She taught Spanish for 22 years at Marple-Newtown High School in Newtown Square, Pa. She moved to Greensboro, N.C., last year. She is survived by her father, two sisters, a brother and some very good friends from Lycoming College.

**Daniel R. Horn**, age 48, class of 1995, died May 7, 1998, while awaiting a heart transplant at the Hershey Medical Center. Dan is survived by his wife, Barbara Horn (Lycoming College Education Department Secretary), children Brian M. Horn '94 and Sarah Horn at home. In 1976, after his discharge from the Army, Dan received an associate degree in accounting from Williamsport Area Community College, now Pennsylvania College of Technology. After spending numerous years in the business/insurance community, Dan had returned to college to pursue his degree in history and in 1995 received his bachelor's degree and his teacher certification in Social Studies and Elementary Education from Lycoming. He was a substitute teacher in local school districts in Lycoming County and had recently been working for Americorps with the Lycoming County Literacy Program. Dan had been at the Hershey Medical Center since January 18, 1998 where he was on a national list of heart transplant recipients. He was able to give the GIFT OF LIFE by donating his organs, and his family feels that he will continue to teach by making others aware of the possibility of organ donation.

**Mrs. Mary Heyne** passed away April 4, 1998 at the age of 100. She served as Housemother in Old Main and Crever Halls from 1965-1969. Mrs. Heyne was living at the Masonic Home in Elizabeth, Pa. She was the grandmother of Peggy Giauque Edmonds '69 and great-grandmother of Chip Edmonds '98.

**Marilyn Mullings**, longtime faculty secretary, died in Florida on October 30, 1998, from leukemia. She was an administrative assistant at Lycoming College for over 25 years. She is survived by her husband, Donald Mullings of Sarasota, Florida, three children and several grandchildren.

**Editors Note:**

Three memorial scholarship funds were omitted in the last issue of the *Lycoming College Magazine*. These funds have been established to honor the memory of these alumni and friends of Lycoming College.

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November 22

Blues Traveler, Lamade Gym, 8 p.m.

December 5

Jason Luciana, tenor, Clarke Chapel, 8 p.m.

December 11

Concert at Noon, Clarke Chapel, 12 noon

January 16-17

Budd Whitehill Division III National Dual

January 18

Thorpe Feidt, Jazz and Painting,  
Spring Symposium  
on Jazz, Fine Arts Lecture Hall, 8 p.m.

January 23

Admissions Open House

February 5

Gregory Paul Group, Jack's Corner, 8 p.m.

February 9

Dr. Carl Atkins, Spring Symposium  
on Jazz, TBA, 8 p.m.

February 10-13

*The Foreigner*, Arena Theatre, 8 p.m.

February 12

Phil Woods Jazz Quintet, Spring Symposium  
on Jazz, Clarke Chapel, 8 p.m.

February 13

Admissions Open House

February 14

Kate Comegys, soprano,  
Clarke Chapel, 3 p.m.

February 16

Poetry Reading by Billy Collins,  
Spring Symposium on Jazz, 7:30 p.m.

February 22

Gallery Opening: Exhibition by  
Suzann Fisher, 5:30 p.m.



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